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MARCH 7–10, 2015 | BOSTON, MA
2015 ADEA Distinguished Service Award

M. ELAINE NEENAN, D.D.S., M.S., M.P.H.
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Dentistry

With over 30 years of service in the U.S. and abroad, M. Elaine Neenan, M.S., D.D.S., M.P.H., has made her mark on the dental education community. Dr. Neenan’s strong commitment to community and policy has allowed her to build a wealth of experience in education, administration, public health advocacy and health care delivery. From early days as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Brazil to her current role as Professor and Associate Dean for External Affairs at University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Dentistry (UTHSCSA SOD), she has worked tirelessly to create programs and establish coalitions to bring dental care to underserved populations.

After graduating from the Eastman School of Dental Hygiene, Dr. Neenan joined the Peace Corps and headed for Brazil. She directed training of dental auxiliary personnel, prepared a training manual and core curriculum, and organized a camp for underprivileged children. She then returned to Rochester, NY, where she created programs, developed resources and coordinated patient care and education. In 1980, she received her D.D.S. from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry and became a faculty member at UTHSCSA SOD. Dr. Neenan was named a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow in 1987 and worked in the issues development arm of the office of Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd.

In addition to her extensive work in Brazil, Dr. Neenan coordinated and implemented immunization and oral rehydration therapy programs in five villages in Sierra Leone, West Africa. She also directed and implemented a multidisciplinary cultural, clinical and educational exchange program for health professions students—medical, dental, nursing—in Sierra Leone.

In recent years, her work has centered on San Antonio and the South Texas area. Dr. Neenan established a community outreach health care program for underserved populations in local, regional and border communities, including diagnostic, preventive, emergency, primary and comprehensive care services. She organized a disease prevention program serving senior citizens in the San Antonio Metropolitan Nutrition Centers that focuses on oral health and nutritional status. She also implemented a weekly school-based fluoride mouth rinse program in San Antonio and South Texas school districts.

Most notably, she is responsible for the establishment of and administrative oversight and funding strategies for the Dental Education Outreach Network to train dental students in dental health professional shortage areas, including the Laredo Regional Campus in South Texas. She also serves as Dental School Liaison for Legal Affairs and Governmental Affairs at the University.

Dr. Neenan serves as a member of the ADEA Legislative Advisory Committee, the Hispanic Dental Association and the University of Texas System Women Senior Leaders Network. Dr. Neenan has been acknowledged by many organizations with whom she has been affiliated throughout her career. She was honored by the San Antonio Women’s Celebration and Hall of Fame for 1995–1996, and was given the Outstanding Career Woman Award in 1993 by the San Antonio Express-News.

Previous Recipients of the ADEA Distinguished Service Award

2014 — Dr. Kenneth Kalkwarf
2013 — Dr. John Killip
2012 — Dr. Lonnie Norris
2011 — Prof. Pamela Zarkowski
2010 — Dr. Richard Valachovic
2009 — Dr. James Q. Swift
2008 — Dr. James E. Mulvihill
2007 — Dr. Lisa A. Tedesco
2006 — Dr. Allan J. Formicola
2005 — Dr. Dominick P. DePaola
2002 — Dr. Marcia A. Boyd
2001 — Dr. John C. Greene
2000 — Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni
1998 — Dr. Wallace V. Mann
1997 — Dr. Richard S. MacKenzie
1996 — Dr. Joseph L. Henry
Saturday, March 7

ADEA Council of Sections Meeting
ADEA Thomas F. Nowlin Award for Best Performance by a Section
ADEA Section on Educational Research, Development and Curriculum

ADEA Discourse and Dessert: An Evening Plenary
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
ADEA Enid A. Neidle Scholar-in-Residence Program for Women
To be announced.

Sunday, March 8
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

ADEA Opening Ceremony with Awards and Plenary Session

ADEA Distinguished Service Award
Dr. M. Elaine Neenan, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Dentistry

Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors Citations
Dr. Vidal G. Balderas, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Dentistry
Dr. Nancy Deal Chandler, American College of Prosthodontists
Dr. William D. Davenport, Jr., University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Dental Medicine
Dr. David C. Johnsen, The University of Iowa College of Dentistry & Dental Clinics
Dr. Denise K. Kassebaum, The University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine
Dr. Carol A. Lefebvre, Georgia Regents University College of Dental Medicine
Ms. Monique E. Morgan, American Dental Education Association
Ms. Barbara P. Nordquist, KaVo Kerr Group
Dr. Leo E. Rouse, Howard University College of Dentistry
Dr. Sharon C. Siegel, Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine

Olav Alvares Awards for Outstanding Articles Published in the Journal of Dental Education
Dr. Seyed Hossein Bassir, Harvard School of Dental Medicine
Ms. Shaina Devi Holman, University of Maryland School of Dentistry
Dr. Viviana R. Ruiz, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry
Ms. Alma H. Sandino, University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry

ADEA/Colgate-Palmolive Co. Excellence in Teaching Award
Dr. Melissa Ing, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

ADEA/Colgate-Palmolive Co./National Dental Association Dr. Jeanne C. Sinkford Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute
Dr. Edmond Hewlett, University of California, Los Angeles, School of Dentistry

ADEA/Crest Oral-B Laboratories Scholarships for Predoctoral Dental Students Pursuing Academic Careers
Mr. Jonathan Chodroff, Columbia University College of Dental Medicine
Ms. Kaitrin Kramer, University of Michigan School of Dentistry
Monday, March 9 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

ADEA Political Spotlight and Plenary Session

ADEA/AADR/Colgate-Palmolive Co. Dr. Dominick P. DePaola Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute
Dr. Michael Metz, University of Louisville School of Dentistry

ADEA/American Association of Endodontists Foundation Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute
Dr. Renato Silva, The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston

ADEA/ADEAGies Foundation Drs. Connie L. and Richard R. Drisko Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute
Dr. Christopher Cutler, Georgia Regents University College of Dental Medicine

ADEA/Colgate-Palmolive Co. Allied Dental Educators Fellowship
Prof. Janet Kinney, University of Michigan School of Dentistry

ADEA/ADEAGies Foundation Dr. Anthony R. Volpe Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute
Dr. Andrea Zandona, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry

ADEA Leadership Institute Alumni Association Award to Honor Jack Bresch
Dr. Jeffery C.B. Stewart, Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry

ADEA/Sunstar Americans, Inc. Harry W. Bruce, Jr. Legislative Fellowship
Dr. Gregory Olson, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry

ADEA/AAL Faculty of Color Tuition Scholarships for Professional Development:
ADEA/AAL Chairs and Academic Administrators Management Program
Dr. Marcelle Nascimento, University of Florida College of Dentistry

ADEA/AAL Faculty of Color Tuition Scholarships for Professional Development:
ADEA/AAL Compass Program for Academic Advancement
Dr. Beverley Crawford, University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine
Prof. Tanya Villalpando Mitchell, University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Dentistry

ADEA/AAL Faculty of Color Tuition Scholarships for Professional Development:
ADEA/AAL Summer Program for Emerging Academic Leaders
Dr. Todd Ester, University of Michigan School of Dentistry
Dr. Tanya Gibson, University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Dentistry

ADEA/AAL Faculty of Color Tuition Scholarships for Professional Development: ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL)
Prof. Marina Davar, Beckfield College
Dr. Edward Bradford, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry
Dr. Ysidora Torrealba, University of Alberta School of Dentistry
Dr. Bruno Jham, Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois
Tuesday, March 10  10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

ADEA Closing Plenary Session

ADEA Preventive Dentistry Scholarships
Ms. Giselle Galanto, University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine
Ms. Meredith Dugoni, Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine – South Jordan, Utah
Ms. Hannah Gilman, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Mr. Jason Safer, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Ms. Michelle Ta, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Ms. Armani Emmal, University of Washington School of Dentistry
Ms. Jean Calvo, University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry
Ms. Ligia Padilla, University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry
Ms. Chelsea Wong, University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry
Mr. William Jacobson, Case Western Reserve University, School of Dental Medicine
Ms. Niekia Franklin, Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry
Dr. Michael McQuinn, University of Kentucky College of Dentistry
Ms. Lauren Morris, University of Kentucky College of Dentistry

ADEA/Crest Oral-B Laboratories Scholarships for Dental Hygiene Students Pursuing Academic Careers
Ms. Anna Hilla, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry
Ms. Mary Pelletier, Indian River State College of Health and Science

ADEA/Sigma Phi Alpha Linda DeVore Scholarship
Ms. Elizabeth Trujillo, Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of the University of Southern California

ADEA/TheraBreath Student Research Fellowships
Ms. Dwylette Brownlee, Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry
Ms. Cassandra Stewart, Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry

ADEA/ADEA Council of Students, Residents and Fellows/Colgate-Palmolive Co. Junior Faculty Award
Dr. Amy C. Killeen, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry

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