ADEAGies Foundation Presents William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation, and Achievement

*Awards Presented on February 27, 2010, in Conjunction with the 2010 American Dental Education Association Annual Session & Exhibition*

WASHINGTON, DC (March 1, 2010) — The ADEAGies Foundation’s William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation, and Achievement were presented on Saturday, February 27, 2010, at the Gaylord National Harbor, Washington, DC. Named after William J. Gies, a pioneer in dental education, the Gies Awards recognize contributions to and support of global oral health and education initiatives. The program was hosted by René Syler, former co-anchor of CBS News’ The Early Show and author of *Good-Enough Mother.*

The Gies Awards were presented at a celebration in conjunction with the 2010 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition, held February 27-March 3 in Washington, DC. The premier sponsorship by Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Products, Division of McNEIL-PPC, Inc. of the 2010 Gies Awards program is part of the company’s overall support of ADEAGies Foundation initiatives for advancing excellence in dental education.

The 2010 honorees were selected by a distinguished panel of judges consisting of the ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees. The winners in alphabetical order are:

Dental Fears Research Clinic at the University of Washington School of Dentistry
Outstanding Innovation - Academic Dental Institution

The Forsyth Institute
Outstanding Achievement - Academic Dental Institution

Israel Kleinberg, D.D.S., Ph.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.D.
Outstanding Innovation - Dental Educator

Patricia Nunn, R.D.H., M.S.
Outstanding Vision - Dental Educator

Ms. Mary Otto
Outstanding Achievement - Public or Private Partner

No-Hee Park, D.M.D., Ph.D.
Outstanding Achievement - Dental Educator

Barbara J. Sabol, M.A., W.K. Kellogg Foundation
Outstanding Vision - Public or Private Partner
International Association of Student Clinicians-American Dental Association (SCADA) Program
Outstanding Innovation - Public or Private Partner

Mr. Michael R. Sudzina
Outstanding Achievement - Public or Private Partner

University of Minnesota School of Dentistry
Outstanding Vision - Academic Dental Institution

“The ADEAGies Foundation is proud to recognize the exemplary work of those in dental education, research, and leadership,” said Richard W. Valachovic, D.M.D., M.P.H., President of the ADEAGies Foundation and Executive Director of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). “In recognizing the 2010 ADEA Gies Award recipients, we continue to honor the work and legacy of Dr. Gies.”

The Gies Awards are presented by the ADEAGies Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the American Dental Education Association. For more than 50 years, the ADEAGies Foundation has enhanced the oral health of the public through programs that support dental education, research, leadership, and recognition.

The ADEAGies Foundation thanks the sponsors whose generous support has made the Gies Awards possible:

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About The William J. Gies Foundation: The William J. Gies (pronounced guys) Foundation was established in 1950 by colleagues and admirers of Dr. Gies with seed funds raised by the American College of Dentists. It was a private foundation and the first U.S. foundation to support dental education and scholarship. In 2002, it joined with the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) to form ADEAGies Foundation, a public foundation.

About William J. Gies and the Gies Report: William Gies was a Columbia University biochemistry professor and founder of the College of Dental Medicine at Columbia University where he was interested in dental education, science, and clinical applications. In 1926, as part of a series of studies on U.S. professional education funded by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Dr. Gies published a landmark report that established the importance of dentistry as a healing science and an essential component of higher education in the health professions. The Gies Report, Dental Education in the United States and Canada, took five years to research and write. It consists of 250 pages of text and more than 400 pages of appendices, including lengthy descriptions and evaluations of the existing dental schools, each of which Dr. Gies visited. Since the Gies Report, there have been many other reports on dental education in the context of health professions education. However, Dental Education in the United States and Canada remains to this day the most relevant survey of dental education and critical issues within the field.

About ADEA: The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) is the voice of dental education. Its members include all U.S. and Canadian dental schools and many allied and postdoctoral dental education programs, corporations, faculty, and students. The mission of ADEA is to lead individuals and institutions of the dental education community to address contemporary issues influencing education, research, and the delivery of oral health care for the health of the public. ADEA’s activities encompass a wide range of research, advocacy, faculty development, meetings, and communications like the esteemed Journal of Dental Education, as well as the dental school admissions services AADSAS and PASS.