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ADEAGies Foundation Announces Winners of the 2012 William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation, and Achievement

Awards to be Presented at Celebration in Conjunction with the 2012 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition

WASHINGTON, DC (November 29, 2011)—The ADEAGies Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of the 2012 William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation, and Achievement (Gies Awards). The Gies Awards, named after dental education pioneer William J. Gies, Ph.D., honor individuals and organizations exemplifying dedication to the highest standards of vision, innovation, and achievement in dental education, research, and leadership.

The Gies Awards will be presented at a highly anticipated celebration in conjunction with the 2012 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session & Exhibition, which will be held March 17-21 at the Hilton Bonnet Creek in Orlando, Florida. The Gies Awards will be conferred on March 19, 2012. The 2012 honorees were selected by a distinguished panel of judges consisting of the ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees. The winners in alphabetical order are:

Dalhousie University Faculty of Dentistry
Gies Awards for Achievement-Academic Dental Institution

Dr. Johann de Vries, University of Adelaide School of Dentistry
Gies Awards for Achievement-Dental Educator

Dr. Gregg H. Gilbert, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry
Gies Awards for Vision-Dental Educator

Dr. William K. Lobb, Marquette University School of Dentistry
Gies Awards for Innovation-Dental Educator

Massachusetts Dental Society
Gies Awards for Innovation-Public or Private Partner

Naples Children & Education Foundation
Gies Awards for Vision- Public or Private Partner

University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry
Gies Awards for Innovation-Academic Dental Institution

Dr. Anthony R. Volpe, Colgate-Palmolive Company
Gies Awards for Achievement-Public or Private Partner
Dr. Esther M. Wilkins, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Gies Awards for Achievement-Dental Educator

“The ADEAGies Foundation evokes the legacy of Dr. Gies as it pays tribute to this year’s nine recipients and their exceptional contributions to oral health care,” says Richard W. Valachovic, D.M.D., M.P.H., President of the ADEAGies Foundation and Executive Director of ADEA. “As the health care landscape continues to evolve, it is imperative that the dental education community recognize and support leaders in the oral health field.”

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.

Tickets for the celebration can be purchased online at www.adea.org. Sponsored tables are available. For more information, please contact Trish Smith at 703-506-3272.

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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 advanced 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, PASS, and CAAPID.

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