



Key Moments in Dental Education*

| Year | Milestone |
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| 1840 | Batimore College of Dentistry founds (first dental college). |
| 1860 | Four U.S. dental schools in existence. |
| 1867 | First dental college connected to a classic university opens at Harvard University. |
| 1884 | National Association of Dental Faculties established. |
| 1906 | Dr. Alfred C. Fones trains the first dental hygienist. |
| 1913 | First official dental hygiene program opens: The Fones School of Dental Hygiene. |
| 1923 | American Association of Dental Schools (AADS) organized (now ADEA). |
| 1924 | First AADS annual meeting held in Chicago. |
| 1926 | William J. Gies, Ph.D., publishes <i>The Gies Report, Dental Education in the United States and Canada</i>. |
| 1928 | The National Board of Dental Examiners (NDBE) is created. |
| 1933 | The NBDE administers the first national written dental board examinations. |
| 1935 | AADS publishes the Blauch Committee report, <i>A Course of Study in Dentistry: Report of the Curriculum Survey Committee</i> (report listed objectives for dental education on specified topic areas). |
| 1936 | <i>Journal of Dental Education</i> publishes first issue in October. |
| 1947 | Dr. H. H. Horner publishes <i>Dental Education Today</i> , a review of approved dental school curriculum. |
| 1947 | The American Dental Association (ADA) recognizes oral surgery and periodontics as specialties. |
| 1948 | National Institute of Dental Research (NIDR) established. |
| 1950 | The William J. Gies Foundation is established as a private foundation by colleagues of Dr. Gies. |
| 1950 | ADA, Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, and the United States Public Health Service all issue statements endorsing community water fluoridation. |
| 1950 | The ADA recognizes orthodontics and oral pathology as specialties. |
| 1963 | U.S. Congress passes the Health Professions Educational Assistance Act. |
| 1972 | AADS launches the Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS). |
| 1975 | AADS establishes curriculum guidelines. |
| 1980 | AADS and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation publish the report <i>Advanced Dental Education: Recommendations for the 80s</i>. |
| 1994 | ADEA headquarters moves to 1625 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC. |
| 1995 | The Institute of Medicine Committee on the Future of Dental Education publishes the report <i>Dental Education at the Crossroads: Challenges and Change</i> . |
| 1998 | For ADEA's 75th anniversary, the ADEA Summit on Advanced Dental Education brought together representatives from 46 dental schools to review dental educators' progress and look to the future. The result is the report <i>Leadership for the Future: The Dental School in the University</i>. |
| 1998 | AADS First International Women's Leadership Conference held in Nice, France. |
| 2000 | AADS becomes the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). |
| 2000 | ADEA welcomes the inaugural class of the ADEA Leadership Institute. |
| 2000 | ADEA's ExploreHealthCareers website receives a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Presidential Citation. |
| 2002 | The William J. Gies Foundation joins ADEA to form the ADEAGies Foundation. |
| 2002 | ADEA cosponsors the Global Congress on Dental Education II in Singapore. |
| 2003 | Inaugural Class of the ADEA Allied Dental Leadership Program. |

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| 2003 | Second AADS/ADEA International Women's Leadership Conference held in Goteborg, Sweden. |
| 2003 | ADEA President's Commission publishes the report "Improving the Oral Health Status of All Americans: Roles and Responsibilities of Academic Dental Institutions" in the <i>JDE</i> (May 2003). |
| 2004 | ADEA headquarters moves to 1400 K Street, NW, Washington, DC |
| 2005 | ADEA establishes the ADEA Commission on Change and Innovation in Dental Education (ADEA CCI). |
| 2005 | ADEA Third International Women's Leadership Conference held in Montreal, Canada. |
| 2005 | ADEA Academic Dental Careers Fellowship Program (ADEA ADCFP) begins. |
| 2005 | Open Membership begins: free individual ADEA membership for faculty, students, staff at ADEA member institutions. ADEA membership rises to 20,000 deans, program directors, students, residents and fellows. |
| 2006 | The American Association for Dental Research and ADEA hold a concurrent meeting. |
| 2006 | Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP) begins. |
| 2007 | Deamonte Driver, age 12, dies from a complication from an abscessed tooth, spurring momentum around the issue of access to health care. |
| 2007 | ADEA is a founder of International Federation of Dental Educators and Associations (IFDEA). |
| 2008 | ADEAGies Foundation hosts the first Gies Awards Gala. |
| 2008 | ADEA publishes "ADEA Competencies for the New General Dentist," which influences the formulation of the INBDE (Integrated National Board Dental Examination). |
| 2008 | ADEA is a founding member of the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC). |
| 2008 | ADEA holds its first recruitment fair for applicants to dental school. |
| 2008 | ADEA and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) enter a MedEdPORTAL [®] cobranding collaboration. |
| 2009 | ADEA releases <i>Beyond the Crossroads: Change and Innovation in Dental Education</i> . |
| 2009 | ADEA House of Delegates approves "ADEA Statement on Professionalism in Dental Education." |
| 2009 | ADEA Council of Students becomes the ADEA Council of Students, Residents and Fellows (ADEA COSRF). |
| 2010 | ADEA is a founding member of the National Roundtable on Dental Collaboration. |
| 2010 | ADEA representative present at President Obama's signing of the Affordable Care Act, which includes pediatric dentistry as one of 10 essential health benefits. |
| 2010 | ADEA Fourth International Women's Leadership Conference held in Salvador, Brazil. |
| 2011 | ADEA publishes "ADEA Foundation Knowledge and Skills for the New General Dentist." |
| 2011 | ADEA publishes "ADEA Competencies for Entry into the Allied Dental Professions." |
| 2011 | In collaboration with the American Dental Hygienists' Association, ADEA develops and publishes "ADEA Core Competencies for Graduate Dental Hygiene Education." |
| 2011 | IPEC publishes "Core Competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice." |
| 2011 | First ADEA GoDental [®] Recruitment Event, held in conjunction with the ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition. |
| 2012 | ADEA AADSAS application process goes completely digital. |
| 2012 | Release of <i>ADEA Guidelines for Ethical Academic and Industry Interactions</i> . |
| 2012 | Inaugural Class of the ADEA Emerging Academic Leaders Program. |
| 2013 | Inaugural year of ADEA weTeach [®] . |
| 2014 | ADEA headquarters moves to 655 K Street, NW, Washington, DC |

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| 2014 | Launch of ADEA Leadership Institute Phase V. |
| 2014 | First ADEA/Association of Dental Education in Europe (ADEE) Shaping the Future of Dental Education Conference in Barcelona, Spain. |
| 2014 | ADEA Fifth International Women’s Leadership Conference held in Barcelona, Spain. |
| 2014 | AAMC/ADEA Dental Loan Organizer and Calculator (AAMC/ADEA DLOC) begins. |
| 2014 | First ADEA Hack-a-thon, Boston, MA |
| 2015 | ADEA elected to membership in FDI World Dental Federation. |
| 2015 | Inaugural year of ADEA/ADHA Leadership Essentials for Adjunct Faculty. |
| 2016 | Inauguration of ADEA Commission on Change and Innovation in Dental Education 2.0 (ADEA CCI 2.0). |
| 2016 | Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP) begins (formerly SMDEP). |
| 2016 | Release of <i>Health Affairs</i> issue on oral health with ADEA as the founding sponsor. |
| 2016 | ADEA is founding member of the National Academy of Medicine’s Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-being and Resilience. |
| 2016 | Dental Therapy recognized as a profession. |
| 2017 | First ADEA Delegation to Cuba on Health Care and Education, led by Drs. Richard Valachovic and Leon Assael. |
| 2017 | ADEA/SAMHSA Opioid Summit is held at ADEA headquarters. |
| 2018 | ADEA eLearn launches as a virtual hub for faculty development. |
| 2018 | Release of the Report of the ADA/ADEA/ASDA Task Force on the Assessment of Readiness for Practice. |
| 2018 | ADEA is a founding member of the Coalition for Modernizing Dental Licensure (CMDL). |
| 2019 | Anesthesiology is recognized as a discipline. |
| 2020 | ADEA Releases the <i>ADEA Faculty Diversity Toolkit</i> . |
| 2020 | ADEA forms the ADEA Collaborative on Dental Education Climate Assessment (ADEA CDECA), which conducts a feasibility study to explore the potential need for a climate survey across all dental schools and allied dental programs in the United States and Canada. ADEA CDECA recommends conducting the survey. |
| 2022 | ADEA launches the first-ever climate survey across dental schools and allied dental education programs in the United States and Canada. |

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