ADEAGies Foundation Announces 2014 William J. Gies Awards For Vision, Innovation and Achievement

WASHINGTON, DC— The ADEAGies Foundation’s William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement were presented March 17, 2014, at the Grand Hyatt in San Antonio, Texas. The Gies Awards, named after dental education pioneer William J. Gies, Ph.D., debuted in 2008 and honor individuals and organizations exemplifying dedication to the highest standards of vision, innovation and achievement in global oral health and dental education, research and leadership.

The Gies Awards were presented at a celebration dinner coinciding with the 2014 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition 15-18 San Antonio, TX. Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Products Division of McNEIL-PPC Inc. was the premier sponsor of the awards.

A distinguished panel of judges consisting of the ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees selected the following 2014 honorees.

Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement - Public or Private Partner
American Academy of Periodontology Foundation

Gies Award for Outstanding Innovation - Academic Dental Institution
Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health

Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement - Academic Dental Institution
Columbia University College of Dental Medicine - Community DentCare Program

Gies Award for Outstanding Innovation - Dental Educator
Dr. John Eisner

Gies Award for Outstanding Vision - Dental Educator
Dr. Raul I. Garcia, Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine

Gies Award for Outstanding Vision - Public or Private Partner
The Hinman Dental Society of Atlanta

Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement - Public or Private Partner
Henry Schien Inc.

Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement - Dental Educator
Dr. Lisa A. Tedesco, Emory University James T. Laney School of Graduate Studies

“The ADEAGies Foundation is proud to recognize this year’s eight recipients of the Gies Awards for their exceptional contributions to dental education and oral health care,” says Richard W. Valachovic, D.M.D., M.P.H., President of the ADEAGies Foundation and President and CEO of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). “The groundbreaking work and enduring legacy of Dr. Gies continues thanks to the advances in dental education made by our award winners.”

The Gies Awards are presented by the ADEAGies Foundation, the philanthropic arm of ADEA. 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.

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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 to form ADEAGies Foundation, a public foundation.

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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, which took five years to research and write, consists of 250 pages of text and more than 400 pages of appendices, including lengthy descriptions and evaluations of 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 the most relevant survey of dental education and critical issues within the field.

About the American Dental Education Association: 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, deans, program directors, administrators, faculty and students, residents and fellows. 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, communications and publications, such as the esteemed Journal of Dental Education, as well as the admissions services: ADEA AADSAS, ADEA PASS, ADEA DHCAS and ADEA CAAPID. For more information, visit www.adea.org.