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**ADEAGies Foundation Announces Recipients of
William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement in
Academic Dentistry and Oral Health**

ADEAGies Foundation Celebration to be Held March 14, 2016 in Denver, CO

WASHINGTON, DC—The [ADEAGies Foundation](#) announced today the winners of the 2016 [William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement \(The Gies Awards\)](#). The Gies Awards, named after dental education pioneer William J. Gies, Ph.D., debuted in 2008 and are the profession's preeminent recognition for individuals and organizations that exemplify the highest standards in oral health and dental education, research and leadership. The 2016 Gies Awards will be presented on March 14 at a highly anticipated celebration to be held in conjunction with the [2016 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition](#) in Denver, CO. [The Procter & Gamble Company](#) is the premier sponsor of the awards.

The honorees were selected by a distinguished panel of judges consisting of the ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees. The 2016 Gies Award recipients are:

Children's Dental Health Project

Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Public or Private Partner

University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine

Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Academic Dental Institution

Mark C. Herzberg, D.D.S., Ph.D., University of Minnesota School of Dentistry

Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Dental Educator

The University of Iowa College of Dentistry & Dental Clinics and Delta Dental of Iowa

Gies Award for Outstanding Innovation by a Public or Private Partner

University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System, and the Minnesota Board of Dentistry

Gies Award for Outstanding Vision by a Public or Private Partner

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry

Gies Award for Outstanding Vision by an Academic Dental Institution

University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine

Gies Award for Outstanding Innovation by an Academic Dental Institution

Harold C. Slavkin, D.D.S., Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC

Gies Award for Outstanding Vision by a Dental Educator

“Our profession is constantly seeking new ways to educate students and to discover the best opportunities to meet the oral health needs of the public,” 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 Gies Awards allow us to stop and say thank you to the men and women who push for excellence in these critical areas.”

Tickets for the celebration can be purchased online at adea.org/2016 when registering for the 2016 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition. For information on table sponsorship, contact Trish Smith at tsmith@wearecoulter.com or 703-506-3272.

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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 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 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, The William J. Gies Foundation joined with the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) to form the ADEAGies Foundation, a public foundation.

About ADEA: The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) is The Voice of Dental Education. Its members include all 76 U.S. and Canadian dental schools, over 800 allied and advanced dental education programs, 66 corporations and more than 20,000 individuals. The mission of ADEA is to lead institutions and individuals in the dental education community to address contemporary issues influencing education, research and the delivery of oral health care for the overall health and safety of the public. ADEA's activities encompass a wide range of research, advocacy, faculty development, meetings and communications, including the esteemed *Journal of Dental Education*, as well as the dental school admissions services ADEA AADSAS, ADEA PASS, ADEA DHCAS and ADEA CAAPID. For more information about ADEA, visit adea.org.

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