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

*ADEAGies Foundation celebration to be held March 16, 2020 in National Harbor, MD*

(November 6, 2019) WASHINGTON, DC—The ADEAGies Foundation announced today the winners of the 2020 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 2020 Gies Awards will be presented on March 16 at a highly anticipated ceremony to be held in conjunction with the 2020 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in National Harbor, MD.

The honorees were selected by a distinguished panel of judges consisting of the ADEAGies Foundation Advisory Committee. The 2020 Gies Award recipients are (in alphabetical order):

**Neal Demby, D.M.D., M.P.H.**

*Gies Award for Vision – Dental Educator*

**Cynthia Gadbury-Amyot, Ed.D.**

*Gies Award for Innovation – Dental Educator*

**University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine**

*Gies Award for Vision – Academic Dental Institution*

**AAE Foundation for Endodontics**

*Gies Award for Achievement – Public or Private Partner*

**Medical University of South Carolina James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine**

*Gies Award for Innovation – Academic Dental Institution*

**Valli Meeks, D.D.S.**

*Gies Award for Achievement – Dental Educator*

**Roseann Mulligan, D.D.S., M.S.**

*Gies Award for Achievement – Dental Educator*

## **National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health**

*Gies Award for Innovation – Public or Private Partner*

## **University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry**

*Gies Award for Achievement – Academic Dental Institution*

“The 2020 winners of the Gies Awards embody the innovation and commitment to the profession that the Gies Foundation stands for,” says Leo E. Rouse, D.D.S., FACD, Chair of the Advisory Committee of the ADEAGies Foundation. “The ADEAGies Foundation Advisory Committee congratulates the winners and thanks all of the nominators for the excellent submissions.”

Tickets for the celebration may be purchased starting in mid-November on the 2020 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition website at [adea.org/2020](http://adea.org/2020). For information on table sponsorship, contact Trish Smith at 703-506-3272.

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**About the ADEAGies Foundation:** As the only philanthropy dedicated solely to dental education, the ADEAGies Foundation’s mission is to enhance the oral health of the public by funding programs that support innovations in dental education, research, leadership and recognition. To achieve its mission, the Foundation awards grants (over \$1.8 million to date) and holds The William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement each year. Building on these successes, the ADEAGies Foundation has committed to increase funding for innovations within academic dentistry, and to ensure that those ideas are disseminated throughout the profession to reach their full potential for change. The Foundation’s funding will support leadership programs and transformational advances throughout dental education to improve oral and systemic health.

**About William J. Gies, Ph.D. and the Gies Report:** William J. Gies was a Columbia University biochemistry professor and founder of the College of Dental Medicine at Columbia University. In 1926, 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 remains to this day the most relevant survey of dental education and critical issues within the field.

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