ADEAGies Foundation Announces Winners of the 2014 William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement

Awards to be Presented at Celebration in Conjunction with the 2014 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in San Antonio

WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 3, 2013)—The ADEAGies Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of the 2014 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. Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Products, Division of McNEIL-PPC, Inc., is the premier sponsor.

The Gies Awards will be presented March 17 at a highly anticipated celebration to be held in conjunction with the 2014 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session & Exhibition, taking place March 15-18, in San Antonio, TX. The 2014 honorees were selected by a distinguished panel of judges consisting of the ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees.

The ADEAGies Foundation congratulates the following award recipients:

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, University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine

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 Schein, Inc.

Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement - Dental Educator
Dr. Lisa A. Tedesco, Emory University James T. Laney School of Graduate Studies
“Each year, I am increasingly impressed with the innovation and progress exhibited through the achievements of the William J. Gies Awards winners,” says Richard W. Valachovic, D.M.D., M.P.H., President of the ADEAGies Foundation and President and CEO of ADEA. “This awards program represents the best in oral health and dental education, and it is an honor to recognize the dental educators and academic institutions that are making significant advances within the field.”

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.

Tickets for the celebration can be purchased online at www.adea.org when registering for the 2014 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition. 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 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 and communications like 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.