



**ADEAGies Foundation Announces
William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation, and
Achievement
Call for Nominations**

Gies Awards Celebration to be held March 14, 2009, in Phoenix

WASHINGTON, DC (September 12, 2008) — The ADEAGies Foundation invites entries for the 2009 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., honors 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 will be presented at a highly anticipated celebration in conjunction with the ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition. The 86th ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition will be held March 14-18, 2009, in Phoenix, Arizona; the Gies Awards will be conferred on March 14, 2009.

"Last year's inaugural Gies Awards proved inspirational for dental educators of all kinds. The ADEAGies Foundation anticipates once again a large field of nominations for these important awards that celebrate the work of our community and honor Dr. Gies' legacy," said Richard W. Valachovic, D.M.D., M.P.H., President of the ADEAGies Foundation and Executive Director of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA).

The honorees will be selected by a distinguished panel of judges consisting of the ADEAGies Board of Trustees. Bestowed at a black-tie dinner celebration, the Gies Awards will offer significant visibility both within and outside the dental education community, drawing much needed attention to the essential role of dental education and educators in enhancing global oral health and education.

The 2008 Gies Awards honorees were (in alphabetical order): Michael C. Alfano, D.M.D., Ph.D.; Marcia A. Boyd, D.D.S., M.A.; Charles J. Goodacre, D.D.S., M.S.D.; David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D.; Harvard School of Dental Medicine; Louisiana State University School of Dentistry; National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research; University of Maryland Baltimore College of Dental Surgery; and University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

The nominations deadline is November 28, 2008. To obtain a copy of the Gies Awards Call for Nominations or for more information, please visit www.adeagiesfoundation.org or call ADEA at 202-289-7201.

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About The William J. Gies Foundation: The William J. Gies (pronounced *guys*) Foundation was established in 1950 by colleagues 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 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 ADEA: 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 postdoctoral dental education programs, corporations, faculty, and students. 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 dental school admissions services AADSAS and PASS.

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