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ADEA Presents ADEAGies Foundation Annual Awards

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) presented two ADEAGies Foundation awards last night at the inaugural William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation, and Achievement. They were the ADEA/William J. Gies Foundation Education Fellowship and ADEA/William J. Gies Foundation Dental Research Scholarship. Both foster professional development for students and educators interested in furthering their academic careers.

“ADEA values the development of faculty and students, and these awards were created in an effort to encourage their growth as educators and scholars,” said President of the ADEAGies Foundation and ADEA Executive Director Richard W. Valachovic, D.M.D., M.P.H.

Karen F. Novak, D.D.S., Ph.D., Associate Professor at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, is the recipient of the ADEA/William J. Gies Foundation Education Fellowship. The fellowship is designed to familiarize dental educators with a broad range of timely educational issues facing dental education. Dr. Novak will spend three months in Washington, D.C., working with staff in the ADEA Center for Educational Policy and Research on issues such as faculty recruitment, development, and retention; leadership development; teaching strategies; competencies and their assessment; and accreditation and licensure.

Awarded every two years, the ADEA/William J. Gies Foundation Dental Research Scholarship was presented to the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. In recognition of the significant contribution of William J. Gies, Ph.D., to dental research, the scholarship provides funds to an academic dental institution to help identify students who may have a unique interest or pre-dental experience that could lead to a career in dental research.

Dr. 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 professional education in the United States 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.

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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 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.

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.

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