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ADEAGies Foundation to Present Inaugural William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation, and Achievement

*Awards to Be Presented on March 29 in Conjunction With the
85th American Dental Education Association Annual Session*

WASHINGTON, DC—The ADEAGies Foundation is pleased to announce that the inaugural **William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation, and Achievement** will be presented on Saturday, March 29, 2008, at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas. Named after William J. Gies, a pioneer in dental education, the Gies Awards recognize contributions to and support of global oral health and education initiatives.

The Gies Awards will be presented at a black-tie dinner held in conjunction with the 85th American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session. The 2008 honorees were selected by a distinguished panel of judges consisting of the ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees. The winners in **alphabetical order** are:

Michael C. Alfano, D.M.D., Ph.D., New York University

Outstanding Vision-Dental Educator

University of Maryland Baltimore College of Dental Surgery

Outstanding Vision-Academic Dental Institution

Marcia A. Boyd, D.D.S., M.A.

Outstanding Achievement-Dental Educator

Charles J. Goodacre, D.D.S., M.S.D., Loma Linda School of Dentistry

Outstanding Innovation-Dental Educator

Harvard School of Dental Medicine

Outstanding Vision-Academic Dental Institution

Louisiana State University School of Dentistry

Outstanding Innovation-Academic Dental Institution

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

Outstanding Vision-Public/Private Partner

**David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D., National Center for Primary Care,
16th Surgeon General of the United States, 1998-2002**

Outstanding Achievement-Public/Private Partner

University of Iowa College of Dentistry

Outstanding Achievement-Academic Dental Institution

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"It's a privilege to recognize these award winners, each of whom took on a challenge in global oral health and education and pursued it tirelessly," 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). "All of them will inspire continued achievement in our field, just as William J. Gies has."

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.

General admission tickets for the Gies Awards celebration are \$85 and can be purchased online at www.adea.org.

The ADEA Gies Foundation thanks the sponsors whose generous support has made the inaugural William J. Gies Awards possible:

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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 the 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 ADEA: The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) is the leading national organization for dental education. Its members include all U.S. and Canadian dental schools and many advanced dental education programs, allied 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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