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

*Awards to be Presented on March 14, 2009, in Conjunction
with the 86th American Dental Education Association Annual Session*

WASHINGTON, DC (March 12, 2009) — The ADEAGies Foundation is pleased to announce that the **William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation, and Achievement** will be presented on Saturday, March 14, 2009, at the Sheraton Downtown Phoenix Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona. 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 program will be hosted by **René Syler**, former co-anchor of CBS News' *The Early Show* and author of *Good-Enough Mother*.

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. The premier sponsorship by Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Products, Division of McNEIL-PPC, Inc., and OraPharma, Inc., of the 2009 Gies Awards program is part of the companies' overall support of ADEAGies Foundation initiatives for advancing excellence in dental education in the nation's dental schools.

The 2009 honorees were selected by a distinguished panel of judges consisting of the ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees. The winners in **alphabetical order** are:

American Academy of Pediatrics

Outstanding Vision - Public or Private Partner

Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine

Outstanding Innovation - Academic Dental Institution

Columbia University College of Dental Medicine

Outstanding Vision - Academic Dental Institution

Dominick P. DePaola, D.D.S., Ph.D.

Outstanding Achievement - Dental Educator

Arthur A. Dugoni, D.D.S., M.S.D.

Outstanding Achievement - Dental Educator

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Outstanding Innovation - Public or Private Partner

Judith Ann Jones, D.D.S., M.P.H., D.Sc.D.

Outstanding Innovation - Dental Educator

University at Buffalo Ph.D. Program in Oral Biology

Outstanding Achievement - Academic Dental Institution

University of Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine

Outstanding Achievement - Academic Dental Institution

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“The ADEAGies Foundation looks forward to honoring the award winners at what will be another memorable event celebrating the advancement of global oral health and the work of Dr. Gies,” 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 Gies Awards are presented by the ADEAGies Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the American Dental Education Association. 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 \$125 and can be purchased at ADEA Registration in Phoenix.

The ADEA Gies Foundation thanks the sponsors whose generous support has made the 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 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 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.