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The ADEAGies Foundation Recognizes AAL Leaders for Achievement

Atlanta, GA – The [ADEAGies Foundation](#) announced on October 24, 2016 the winners of the 2017 [William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement \(The Gies Awards\)](#). Two team members from the Academy of Academic Leadership (AAL) will be recognized at the highly anticipated 2017 Gies Awards ceremony on March 20 at the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session & Exhibition in Long Beach, CA.

The honorees were selected by a distinguished panel of judges consisting of the ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees. In representing AAL, the 2017 Gies Award recipients are:

- **N. Karl Haden, Ph.D.**
Gies Awards for Achievement – Public or Private Partner
- **Pamela Zarkowski, J.D., M.P.H.**
Gies Awards for Achievement – Dental Educator

“I am deeply honored to receive the Gies Award for Achievement,” said N. Karl Haden, Ph.D., AAL President. “As the award itself indicates, my accomplishments and those of AAL should be credited to the synergies created through partnerships with ADEA, academic dental institutions, and others. I am grateful to the ADEAGies Foundation for recognizing these successful collaborations.”

The Gies Awards, named after dental education pioneer William J. Gies, Ph.D., debuted in 2008 and are the profession’s preeminent recognition for individuals and organizations that exemplify the highest standards in oral health and dental education, research and leadership. [Dentsply Sirona](#) is the premier sponsor of the awards.

“I am both honored to be recognized for doing what I am passionate about, teaching, mentoring, and collaborating,” explained Pamela Zarkowski, M.P.H., J.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Detroit Mercy and Senior AAL Consultant. “The ability to contribute to another’s professional development is something I have enjoyed throughout my career. I am privileged to join a list of impressive ADEAGies awardees from the past, as well as those honored in 2017.”

“The outstanding winners of the 2017 Gies Awards were selected from a record number of nominations this year,” says Leo E. Rouse, D.D.S., FACD, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the ADEAGies Foundation. “The ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees congratulates the winners and thanks all of the nominators for the excellent submissions.”

Tickets for the celebration may be purchased starting in early December online at adea.org/2017 when registering for the 2017 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition. For information on table sponsorship, contact Trish Smith at tsmith@wearecoulter.com or 703-506-3272.

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About the Academy for Academic Leadership

For more than a decade, the Academy for Academic Leadership (AAL) has been dedicated to advancing people and institutions through professional development and consulting services. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, AAL provides customized professional development and consulting services for academic healthcare executives, educators, practitioners, institutions, and associations. AAL activities include leadership development, coaching, strategic planning, change management, team building, and curriculum development. For more information about AAL’s consulting services or professional development programs, please visit AALgroup.org.

About the ADEAGies Foundation

As the only philanthropy dedicated solely to dental education, the ADEAGies Foundation’s mission is to enhance the oral health of the public by funding programs that support innovations in dental education, research, leadership and recognition. To achieve its mission, the Foundation awards grants (over \$1.2 million to date) and holds The William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement each year. Building on these successes, the ADEAGies Foundation has committed to increase funding for innovations within academic dentistry, and to ensure that those ideas are disseminated throughout the profession to reach their full potential for change. The Foundation’s funding will support leadership programs and transformational advances throughout dental education to improve oral and systemic health.

About William J. Gies, Ph.D. and the Gies Report

William J. Gies was a Columbia University biochemistry professor and founder of the College of Dental Medicine at Columbia University. In 1926, 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 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 76 U.S. and Canadian dental schools, over 800 allied and advanced dental education programs, 66 corporations and more than 20,000 individuals. The mission of ADEA is to lead institutions and individuals in the dental education community to address contemporary issues influencing education, research and the delivery of oral health care for the overall health and safety of the public. ADEA's activities encompass a wide range of research, advocacy, faculty development, meetings and communications, including the esteemed *Journal of Dental Education*, as well as the dental school admissions services ADEA AADSAS, ADEA PASS, ADEA DHCAS and ADEA CAAPID. For more information about ADEA, visit adea.org.