

AAL Leaders Recognized at 10th Annual Gies Awards Gala

Dr. N. Karl Haden and Prof. Pamela Zarkowski honored for achievement at the 2017 Gies Awards Gala, exemplifying the highest standards in oral health and dental education.

The 10th annual Gies Awards Gala took place on March 20, 2017, where two members from the Academy of Academic Leadership (AAL) were recognized for achievement at the highly anticipated black-tie ceremony. Held annually in conjunction with the ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition, the 2017 Gies Awards Gala took place in Long Beach, California, celebrating honorees who exemplify the highest standards in oral health and dental education.

Selected by a distinguished panel of judges from the ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees, AAL's honorees were:

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

“I am grateful, humbled and indebted to more people than I can name for recognition as a recipient of the Gies Award for Achievement,” said N. Karl Haden, Ph.D., AAL President. “When I think of all the leaders in dental education with whom I have had the opportunity to work, first and foremost are the Fellows and Alumni of the ADEA Leadership Institute. My relationship with these extraordinary leaders has elevated my mind and my heart to see and appreciate my own small place in the grand scheme of things. I am deeply honored by this recognition and applaud my fellow 2017 honorees.”

Named after dental education pioneer William J. Gies, Ph.D., the Gies Awards recognize preeminent individuals and organizations exemplifying the highest standards in oral health and dental education, research and leadership. Attended by more than 700 members of the dental education community, the Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement pay tribute to deserving individuals, institutions and organizations that embody the ideal set forth by Dr. Gies more than 90 years ago. Today, proceeds from the Gies Awards benefit the ADEAGies Foundation and help fund programs that support dental education, research, leadership and recognition.

“I am honored to be recognized for my achievements as a dental educator,” 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. “I must acknowledge my mentors, colleagues and students who have provided me with opportunities to do what I am most passionate about – teaching, mentoring, collaborating and having the opportunity to contribute to and lead initiatives that enhance dental education. I am privileged to join an impressive list of Gies Awardees from the past, as well as those honored in 2017.”

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About the Academy for Academic Leadership

For more than a decade, 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 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.



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