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Faculty of Color Scholarship Recipients Complete the 2015 ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching and Learning

ATLANTA, GA – For the third consecutive year, the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), with support from the ADEAGies Foundation, has provided scholarships to faculty of color to participate in the ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL). The Class of 2015 consisted of three Faculty of Color Scholarship for Professional Development recipients for a total of 10 ADEA/AAL Faculty of Color ITL scholars since 2013. Created for early- and mid-career faculty and private practice dentists who are interested in academia, the ITL is an intense professional development program administered by the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and the Academy for Academic Leadership (AAL), a US-based consultancy in health professions education.

The ADEA/AAL ITL facilitates the recruitment and retention of dental faculty by helping participants to enhance their teaching skills and develop other competencies that will increase confidence, job satisfaction, and professional growth in the academic environment.

“ADEA congratulates the Faculty of Color scholarship recipients as well as all of the other participants of the 2015 ADEA/AAL ITL,” says ADEA President and CEO Richard W. Valachovic, D.M.D., M.P.H. “Knowing how people learn and what teaching techniques work best is a continuous process and fundamental to our mission in dental education. The growth and popularity of the ADEA/AAL ITL program demonstrates the commitment of academic dental institutions and their faculty to excellence in the profession and to fostering leadership.”

The 2015 ADEA/AAL ITL class included 85 participants from dental schools and clinical institutions as well as private practices. Participants learn the skills of a master teacher from renowned experts in pedagogy, curriculum development, higher education administration and leadership. The program occurs in two-phases over six-days, with a between-phases assignment. Participants in the ADEA/AAL ITL earn 50 continuing education units.

“The ADEA/AAL ITL has 560 alumni since its launch in 2006,” says N. Karl Haden, Ph.D., President of AAL. “We’re especially proud of the achievements demonstrated by the scholarship recipients during the course of the program and look forward to the contributions

of the 2015 Faculty of Color scholars. Surveys show that the program will prepare them with teaching skills necessary to understand and communicate with today’s students, and 99% of graduates report a positive or highly positive experience with the program.”

All three Faculty of Color scholarship recipients are pursuing promising academic careers:



Edward H. Bradford, Jr., D.D.S., M.P.H. is a Faculty Group Director at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry.



Dr. Bruno Jham, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine – Illinois.



Ysidora Torrealba, D.D.S., M.S.D. is an Assistant Professor at the University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.



Faculty of Color Scholarship Recipients at 2015 ADEA/AAL ITL

ADEA/AAL ITL program was held at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center in Atlanta, with Phase I occurring August 20-22, and Phase II October 22-24. For more information about the ADEA/AAL ITL, visit www.aalgroup.org or call 404-350-2098.

For more information about the ADEA/AAL Faculty of Color Tuition Scholarships for Professional Development, please visit www.adea.org/FacultyofColorScholarships.

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About the American Dental Education Association and the ADEAGies Foundation

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 advanced dental education programs, corporations, deans, program directors, administrators, faculty and students, residents and fellows. 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 overall 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 admissions services: ADEA AADSAS, ADEA PASS, ADEA DHCAS and ADEA CAAPID. For more information, visit adea.org.

The ADEAGies Foundation was created to honor dental education pioneer William J. Gies; the mission of the ADEAGies Foundation is to enhance the oral health of the public through programs that support dental education, research, leadership, and recognition.

About AAL

Established in 2005 by Dr. N. Karl Haden, the Academy for Academic Leadership provides customized professional development and consulting services for academic healthcare executives, educators, practitioners, institutions, and associations. AAL activities include leadership development, strategic planning, change management, team building, and curriculum development. In addition to the ADEA/AAL ITL national program, the AAL conducts the ADEA/Colgate/AAL Institute for Allied Health Educators (IAHE), the Chairs and Academic Administrators Management Program (CAAMP), and the Compass Program for Academic Advancement. In collaboration with the University of the Pacific, AAL offers participations in the ADEA/AAL ITL as the entry experience to pursue a Master's Degree in Health Professions Education. For more information about AAL, the ITL, IAHE, CAAMP, Compass, or other professional development programs for dental educators and administrators, please visit www.aalgroup.org.