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Great Minds in STEM™ Announces Class of 2014 HENAAC Scholars
GMiS Awards Over \$300,000 in College Scholarships

Monterey Park, CA, September 26, 2014 – Now in its 26th year of promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to underserved and underrepresented communities, Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) is pleased to announce the 108 students of its Class of 2014 HENAAC Scholars. This class of awardees represents the outstanding scholastic achievements of some of the nation's most technically-talented underserved students. Over 800 qualified applications were received for this scholarship competition.

GMiS awards these merit-based scholarships in three categories: Corporate/Federal Agency-Sponsored Scholarships; Special Recognition Scholarships; and *In Memoriam* and Personal Tribute Scholarships. Additionally, GMiS presents two special leadership awards to the top graduate student and undergraduate student who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and technical talent as an emerging STEM scholar in the classroom, in their research, and in the Hispanic community.

The recipient of the HENAAC Undergraduate Student Leadership Award is Mr. Ernesto Covarrubias, a senior mechanical engineering student at California State University, Los Angeles. Ernesto has been a Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Program student conducting research and represents the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology on the university's Associated Students Incorporated Board of Directors. Marlene Patino, an aerospace engineering doctoral candidate at the University of California, Los Angeles, is the recipient of the HENAAC Graduate Student Leadership Award. She has performed cutting-edge research in plasma physics in the application of propulsion devices at both the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory. Outside the classroom she is involved with the community and is an active ballet folklorico dancer. Both of these students shine as outstanding role models for the Hispanic community.

In addition to the scholarship, GMiS subsidizes close to \$1,000 in travel, registration and hotel accommodations costs for each scholar to attend the 26th Annual HENAAC Conference, in New Orleans, from October 2 – 4, 2014. Scholars will be honored during the Student Leadership Dinner, on Saturday, October 4, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans.

Following is a listing of the Class of 2014 HENAAC Scholars. Please visit the GMiS website for additional updates.

If you are interested in supporting the Great Minds in STEM HENAAC Scholars Program, please contact Dr. Gary Cruz at gcruz@greatmindsinstem.org.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

HENAAC/Undergraduate Student Leadership Award

(Sponsored by The Chrysler Foundation)

Ernesto Covarrubias
Mechanical Engineering
California State University, Los Angeles

HENAAC/Graduate Student Leadership Award

(Sponsored by Ray and Carmela Mellado)

Marlene Patino
Aerospace Engineering
University of California, Los Angeles

CORPORATE-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS

HENAAC/Booz Allen Hamilton

Wigberto Maldonado-Computer Engineering University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Rodriguez

HENAAC/Cummins, Inc.

Paulina Almada Mechanical Engineering University of Texas at El Paso
Amanda Montoya Materials Engineering New Mexico Institute of Mining and
Technology
Jorge Ramirez Mechanical Engineering University of Texas at El Paso

HENAAC/Dow Chemical

Mark Alvarez Mechanical Engineering California State University, Los Angeles
Ramiro Brigueda Chemical Engineering University of Oklahoma
Austin Cruz Chemical Engineering University of Wisconsin, Madison
Adrian Ramirez Mechanical Engineering University of Texas at El Paso

HENAAC/EMC Corporation

Arnold Cespedes Computer Engineering University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Karen Fernandez Computer Science Florida International University
Esther Rios-Lopez Computer Engineering University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Alexander Padin Computer Science University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Kathia Torres Computer Engineering University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

HENAAC/Entergy

Sebastian Salazar Electrical Engineering University of New Orleans

HENAAC/Lockheed Martin Corporation

Roya Edalatpour Electrical Engineering University of Texas at El Paso
Keishly Fernandez Electrical Engineering University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Alan Gonzalez Electrical and Computer Engineering California State University, Los Angeles
Carlos Martinez Electrical Engineering University of Southern California
Martin Sandoval Electrical Engineering California State University, Los Angeles
Neel Shah Computer Engineering Northeastern University
Randall Van Why Computer Science and Mathematics New Mexico Institute of Mining and
Technology

HENAAC/McAfee

Triana Carmenate Computer Science Florida International University

HENAAC/Najera Consulting, Inc.

Alberto Magana Civil and Environmental Engineering University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Noemi Salazar Mechanical Engineering University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

HENAAC/NASA Johnson Space Center

Eric Chaidez Electrical Engineering University of Texas at El Paso
Stephanie Chavez Aerospace Engineering California State Polytechnic University,
Pomona
Griselda Coreas Computer Engineering Texas A&M University
Jessica Escobar Electrical Engineering University of Texas at Austin
Emanuel Estrada Computer Science Texas A&M University
Manuel Retana Mechanical Engineering University of Nevada, Reno

HENAAC/NASA Langley Research Center

Laurence Garcia Chemical Engineering Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State
University
Kaitlyn Masiak Biology George Mason University

HENAAC/NASA Marshall Space Flight Center

Dulce Castro Electrical and Computer Engineering University of Florida
Michael Chavez Mechanical Engineering University of California, Santa Barbara
Karina Quintana Electrical Engineering Florida International University
Ivan Ramirez Aerospace Engineering Georgia Institute of Technology
Victor Rosario-Melendez Mechanical Engineering University of Puerto Rico

HENAAC/Northrop Grumman Corporation

Kelsey DeJesus-Banos Computer/Electrical Engineering Florida Institute of Technology
Francisco Garcia-Salas Electrical Engineering University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Francisco Lopez Computer Science/Symbolic Systems Stanford University

HENAAC/Rockwell Collins

Karla Leyva Electrical and Computer Engineering University of Texas at El Paso
Eduardo Miranda Mechanical Engineering University of Texas at El Paso
Jessica Montes Electrical Engineering University of Texas at El Paso

HENAAC/Southern California Edison

Michell Aranda Mechanical Engineering California State Polytechnic University,
Pomona
Anthony Becerril Electrical Engineering California State University, Long Beach
Gabriela Bran Mechanical Engineering University of California, Los Angeles
Guadalupe Cortes Civil Engineering California State Polytechnic University,
Pomona

Frank Garcia	Electrical Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Cody Gonzalez Gema Loera	Mechanical Engineering Civil Engineering	University of California, Riverside California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Alexander Sosa	Electrical Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Samantha Sotez Carlos Torres, Jr.	Mechanical Engineering Electrical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles University of California, Los Angeles

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Christian Cabrera	Electrical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles
Joselyn Cardenas	Mechanical Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso
Ernesto Covarrubias	Mechanical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles
Christian Gomez	Mathematics	University of California, Los Angeles
Maria Medina-Alva	Industrial Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Patrick Sellas	Mechanical Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

HENAAC/Union Pacific Railroad

Bryan Leon	Electrical Engineering	University of Texas at Austin
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SPECIAL RECOGNITION SCHOLARSHIPS

\$10,000 U.S. Navy STEM Scholarship *(Sponsored by NAVSEA & SSP)*

Aida Arellano	Biomedical Engineering	Florida International University
Elizabeth Berry	Civil Engineering	California State University, Fresno
Thomas Castanon	Chemical Engineering	Texas A&M University – Kingsville
Giselle Castillo	Biology	University of Texas at San Antonio
Matthew Dorman	Engineering Physics	University of New Mexico
Tania Diaz	Physics	University of Puerto Rico
Elizabeth Favela	Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso
Jonathan Galaviz	Computer Engineering	California State University, Long Beach
Joachim Lohn-Jaramillo	Mechanical Engineering	New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology
Victor Mendez	Engineering	University of Texas at San Antonio
Shirin Mesleh	Chemistry	University of Puerto Rico-Campus Rio Piedras
Brianna Morales	Biomedical Engineering	University of Texas at San Antonio
Andres Ramirez-Cuellar	Mechanical Engineering	City College of New York, CUNY
Alejandra Soltero	Mechanical Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso
Hugo Tejeda, Jr.	Civil Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Great Minds in STEM Future STEM Leaders Scholarship

Rudolf “Monty” Montiel	Mechanical Engineering	Arizona State University
Jessica Bermudez	Bioengineering	The University of Pennsylvania

National Football Hall of Fame – San Gabriel Valley/Pasadena Chapter Scholarship

Christian Clark	Kinesiology	Occidental College
Adrien Perez	Kinesiology	Whittier College
Jose Robles	Aerospace Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles

GMiS STEM Showdown™ Scholarship
(Sponsored by Shell Oil Company)

Ricky Guidry	Secondary Education Biology	University of New Orleans
Susan Nguyen	Math	University of New Orleans
Brandy Vann	Secondary Biology Education	University of New Orleans

HOLA at NASA Kennedy Space Center Scholarship
(Sponsored by the Hispanic Outreach & Leadership Alliance)

Brandon Lopez	Aeronautical Engineering	University of Central Florida
Jair Reich	Chemical Engineering	University of South Florida

IN MEMORIAM AND PERSONAL TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

HENAAC/Amezcu Family Scholarship
(Sponsored by Robert and Debbie Amezcua)

Leslie Prat	Mechanical Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso
Rodolfo Aguirre	Electrical Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso

HENAAC/Ann Seki Memorial Scholarship
(Sponsored by Chevron)

Logan Davidson	Chemical Engineering	University of Southern Colorado
David Perez-Aguilar	Chemical Engineering	University of California, San Diego

HENAAC/Davila-Treviño Memorial Scholarship

Edward Castillo	Electrical Engineering	University of Texas at San Antonio
Armando Contreras	Industrial Distribution	Texas A&M University
Kim Dominguez	Industrial Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso
Roberto Garcia	Mechanical Engineering	Southern Methodist University
Lluvia Herrera	Mechanical Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso
Nohemi Mora	Environmental Engineering	Southern Methodist University
Kymeri Morales	Forensic Chemistry	Sam Houston State University
Arturo Ortega	Biochemistry	University of Texas at El Paso
Federico Salinas	Mechanical Engineering	University of Texas at Austin
Alicia Sanchez	Biology & Mathematics	St. Mary's University

HENAAC/Jose R. Silva Memorial Scholarship
(Sponsored by Raytheon)

Jacquelyn Trevino	Computer Engineering	Texas A&M University
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HENAAC/Leticia S. Montiel Memorial Scholarship
(Sponsored by Rudy Montiel)

Ana Guzman
Lisa Haisan

Civil Engineering
Civil Engineering

University of Texas at El Paso
University of Texas at El Paso

HENAAC/Ray & Carmela Mellado Scholarship

Pearl Ortega
Marlene Patino

Industrial Engineering
Aerospace Engineering

Texas A&M University
University of California, Los Angeles

HENAAC/Victoria Alegria Tracy Memorial Scholarship

(Sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. John Tracy)

Liliana Montes de Oca
Leticia Santana

Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Los Angeles

About Great Minds in STEM™

Great Minds in STEM™ is an education, national 501(c)3 nonprofit, whose vision is to be a national leader in keeping America technologically strong by promoting science, technology, engineering and math careers especially in underserved communities. Now, in its 25th year, it remains the only national entity, which has consistently recognized the esteemed technical achievements of STEM role models through a selective, peer-reviewed process. For more information on the event, please contact Julie Magallanes-Guevara, Manager of Public Affairs at (213) 435-9934 or (323) 262-0997 ext. 628 and visit the Great Minds in STEM™ website at www.greatmindsinstem.org.

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