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Great Minds in STEM™ Announces Class of 2015 Military & Civilian STEM Honorees

Monterey Park, CA – August 7, 2015 - Great Minds in STEM™ is pleased to announce the class of 2015 Military and Civilian STEM Award Winners. For twenty-seven years, Great Minds in STEM™ has identified and showcased the achievements of the nation’s most talented engineers and scientists within the Hispanic community, at our annual conference. In a much-honored tradition, GMiS pays tribute to these remarkable role models, who serve and work for our Armed Forces in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. They will be honored during the 27th Annual HENAAC STEM Career Conference, “Ignite, Inspire” taking place in Pasadena, CA on October 14-18, 2015.

2015 HENAAC Award Winners

Professional Achievement I

Maria M. Diaz-Masterson
Branch Head
Submarine and Surveillance Systems
Test and Evaluation
Naval Undersea Warfare
Center Division, Newport
U.S. Navy

**Most Promising Engineer or Scientist
Graduate – Master’s**

Captain Daniel J. Uribe
Program Manager
Center for Rapid Innovation
Air Force Research Laboratory
U.S. Air Force

Civil Engineering

Norberto C. Nadal-Caraballo, Ph.D.
Research Civil Engineer (Hydraulics)
Harbors, Entrances, and Structures Branch
Navigation Division Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory
U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center

2015 STEM Military & Civilian Heroes

Juan Faustino Berrocal
Assistant Program Manager, Production
Undersea Weapons Program Office (PMS 404)
Naval Sea Systems Command
U.S. Navy

Captain Andres V. Delgado
Chief
Office of Diversity & Inclusion
Headquarters
U.S. Coast Guard

Ivett A. Leyva, Ph.D., P.E.
Aerothermodynamics Program Officer
Air Force Office of Scientific Research
U.S. Air Force

Joaquin Mujica
Deputy Chief
Operations Division
New Orleans District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

John Suarez, Ph.D.
Senior Research Engineer
Communications, Electronics Research,
Development and Engineering Center
U.S. Army RDECOM

2015 Luminary Honorees

Commander John F. Barresi, P.E.
Civil Engineering Unit Juneau
U.S. Coast Guard

Victor M. Garcia, BSME, P.E.
Project Manager
Protection and Restoration Office
Programs and Projects Management Division
New Orleans District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

2nd Lt Arcenio M. Muniz
Rocket Test Engineer
Experimental Demonstrations Branch
Aerospace Systems Directorate
Air Force Research Laboratory
U.S. Air Force

Jennifer Tarin, Ph.D.
Operations Research Analyst
Cost Estimating & Analysis Directorate
Missile Defense Agency

For more information on the 27th Annual HENAAC STEM Career Conference or the Great Minds in STEM™ organization please visit www.greatmindsinstem.org.

Great Minds in STEM™ Vision

Be a national leader in keeping America technologically strong by promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math careers especially in underserved communities.