Monterey Park, CA – Great Minds in STEM™ is proud to announce the 2016 HENAAC Luminary Honorees. This year’s class of 13 STEM role models is comprised of leaders who represent industry and government, and they have been selected for their distinction and achievement in their respective fields. These STEM professionals are leading, collaborating and initiating key programs and research, and all have been selected for their accomplishments that clearly contribute to their organization’s technical prowess. Luminaries will be honored at the 2016 HENAAC Conference, “Excellence Through Diversity,” in Anaheim, CA, October 5-9, 2016.

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Great Minds in STEM™ is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to keeping America technologically strong by promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers, especially in underserved communities. Established in 1989 and based in the Los Angeles area, the organization’s nation-wide programming focuses on STEM educational awareness from kindergarten through college, and on seeking-out and documenting the world-class contributions of Hispanic professionals in STEM to serve as role models for the next generation of American engineers and scientists.

Great Minds in STEM’s annual HENAAC Conference is the organization’s flagship event where all elements of outreach and programming come together to celebrate Hispanic excellence in STEM. The conference features executive forums, seminars, competitive programs, career opportunities and networking sessions and is attended by over 3,000 STEM students and professionals annually.

For 2016, Great Minds in STEM is partnering with MAES - Latinos in Science and Engineering, who will hold their annual Symposium at the HENAAC Conference, and CAHSI (the Computing Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institutions) who have chosen the Conference as the venue for their annual Summit as well.

For more information about Great Minds in STEM and the 2016 HENAAC Conference, please visit us online at:

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