

Press Release

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Great Minds in STEM and The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Launch New MentorNet Community

Monterey Park, CA – The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) and Great Minds in STEM (GMiS) are deeply committed to increasing the number of Latino students who attain STEM degrees. To advance this shared goal, SHPE is partnering with the MentorNet division of GMiS to support SHPE students on their journey toward degree completion. Launched in August of 2016, the SHPE MentorNet Community serves SHPE student members, freshman through Ph.D., and SHPE professional members who serve as their mentors. Mentors and Mentees participate in guided mentorships that are relevant to the student's educational level, current personal circumstances, mentorship interests, and the unique concerns of Latino students pursuing STEM degrees.

To sign up as a SHPE Mentor or Mentee, please visit shpe.org/mentoring.

From **Anna Park**, CEO of Great Minds in STEM:

"The GMiS organization is excited to partner with SHPE in supporting its student members' persistence in attaining their engineering degrees and ultimately becoming key contributors to our nation's engineering workforce. GMiS and SHPE share the critical mission of inspiring and motivating Latino STEM scholars to achieve, thrive, and get hired to help keep our country technologically strong!"

From **Barry Cordero**, Interim CEO of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers:

"The SHPE-Mentornet partnership is a key tactic aligned to SHPE's strategy of improving the persistence of Hispanics through STEM degrees. MentorNet's research-based curriculum and SHPE's vast network of STEM professionals and students will help us continue to grow the Latino technical community and answer our nation's call."

Since 1989, GMiS, a national 501(c)3 educational non-profit, has been at the forefront of implementing innovative programs and partnerships focused on the continuous expansion of K-20 STEM education opportunities for our nation's underserved communities. GMiS leads a national coalition of educators, public, private and government partnerships along with student groups that are working together to increase STEM talent nationwide.

MentorNet delivers a nationwide social network for one-to-one mentoring that is open to all STEM students in higher education and to STEM professionals who serve as their mentors. The MentorNet service is free to any student with a verifiable .edu email address pursuing a STEM degree at an accredited institution of higher education in the U.S. and to any professional with an associate's degree or higher in a STEM field.

For more information on GMiS, please visit www.greatmindsinstem.org

For more information on the MentorNet platform, please visit www.mentornet.org

For more information on SHPE, please visit www.shpe.org

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