Great Minds in STEM Announces 2017 HENAAC Luminary Honorees

Monterey Park, CA – Great Minds in STEM™ is proud to announce the 2017 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 29th Annual HENAAC Conference, “Destiny Driven by Determination” in Pasadena, CA, October 18-22, 2017.

Alejandro Alen
Resident Inspector
Vogtle Nuclear Power Plant
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Marco A. Benavides
Certified IT Specialist
IBM

Luz Esparza
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Accenture

LCDR Edgar N. Guerrero (USN Ret.)
Program Manager
PEO Space/SPAWAR
Booz Allen Hamilton

Naomi Hernandez
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Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems
Northrop Grumman

Osvaldo (Ozzie) J. Lopez
Distinguished Member of Technical:
TIL V FET Business Unit
Power Package Technology Development
Texas Instruments
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Alejandro (Alex) Maldonado, Ph.D.
Senior Optical Engineer II
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Raytheon Missile Systems
Raytheon Company

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Defense Boeing Defense, Space, & Security (BDS)
The Boeing Company

Erika Murguia Blumenkranz, Ph.D.
Corporate Supply Chain Strategy and Analytics Leader
Cummins, Inc.

Jeffrey K. Rios
Executive Area Manager: General Assembly
General Motors

Luis Salvatico
LARSM-AL Mechanical Analysis Lead
Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control
Lockheed Martin Corporation

Paula Quintana
Sr. Controls Engineer, Scientific Systems- Ride
Walt Disney Parks & Resorts

Mariana Verdi
Deepwater Facilities Engineer
Chevron
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 2017, Great Minds in STEM is partnering with CAHSI (the Computing Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institutions), NOGLSTP (the National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals) and CHCI (the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute), who have all chosen the Conference as the venue for annual meetings and events.

For more information about Great Minds in STEM and the 2017 HENAAC Conference, please visit us online at:

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