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Great Minds in STEM Receives Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring

Montebello, CA – June 25, 2018 – The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), with the National Science Foundation (NSF), announced today that Great Minds in STEM is among the 27 individuals and 14 organizations receiving the prestigious Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM).

The PAESMEM Award recognizes the outstanding and critical efforts of mentors in supporting the next generation of innovators - especially those who belong to groups that are traditionally underrepresented in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) – develop a strong STEM identity. By offering their expertise and encouragement, mentors help prepare the next generation of STEM professionals to reflect the diversity of the United States within its technical workforce.

GMiS is being recognized for offering a series of targeted educational programs promoting college readiness, awareness, resources and access to STEM careers among underrepresented students. The GMiS mentoring philosophy is characterized by a holistic community engagement model that serves as a catalyst for boosting student interest and achievement in STEM education. Through this model, GMiS drives systemic change by creating a sustained college-going culture that accelerates success in STEM careers.

This year, GMiS is celebrating its 30th anniversary of championing STEM careers to our nation's youth and next generation of leaders. To date, over \$3.2 M Scholarships have been awarded, over 1,000 HENAAC Award honorees recognized for their outstanding STEM contributions, and over 136,000 K-12 students, teachers and parents served in 18 states and Washington D.C.

GMiS will convene its stakeholders at its 30th Anniversary HENAAC Conference, from October 17 – 21, 2018, in Pasadena, CA.

During a visit to the nation's capital, award recipients will each receive a presidential citation at an awards ceremony and participate in discussions on STEM and STEM education priorities led by OSTP and NSF. Recipients will also receive \$10,000 from NSF, which manages the PAESMEM program on behalf of the White House. (NSF Award # 1406134).

About Great Minds in STEM™

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County with a 30-year history of championing STEM careers through the delivery of national STEM awareness programs specially to underserved communities. Through GMiS, academic, career and mentoring opportunities are building a diverse 21st Century STEM workforce.

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