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## Great Minds in STEM Announces 2019 HENAAC Award Winners for Undergraduate and Graduate Student Leadership

**Montebello, CA** – Great Minds in STEM™ is proud to announce four more additions to the HENAAC Awards Class of 2019! This year, four outstanding college students pursuing STEM degrees have been selected for prestigious HENAAC Awards in the category of Student Leadership – two undergraduate students and two graduate students.

Student Leadership Award winners are selected from the pool of GMiS Scholars, who have demonstrated merit through academic achievements, leadership and campus/community activities and have recorded a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a traditional 4.0 scale. These outstanding student leaders represent the top of the Class of 2019 GMiS Scholars, and they'll receive a scholarship funded by GMiS' generous sponsors.

### Student Leadership - Graduate

**Cody Silva**  
Electrical Engineering  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
The Boeing Company Scholar

### Student Leadership - Graduate

**Luz Sotelo**  
Mechanical Engineering & Applied Mechanics  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Union Pacific Scholar

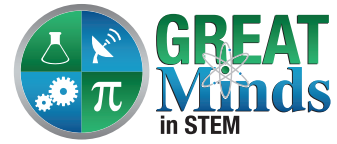
### Student Leadership - Undergraduate

**Elena Martinez**  
Applies Mathematics  
Loyola Marymount University  
Northrop Grumman Scholar

### Student Leadership - Undergraduate

**Manuel Losada**  
Electrical Engineering  
Florida International University  
Lockheed Martin Scholar

These emerging leaders will be honored at the Student Leadership Awards Dinner on Friday, September 27, 2019 – part of the larger 2019 31st Annual GMiS Conference taking place September 25-28 at *Disney's Coronado Springs* Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The 2019 GMiS Scientist and Engineer of the Year Award recipients will be on hand to present the Student Leadership Awards to these four honorees.



## About the Organization

Great Minds in STEM™ is a 501(c)3 a 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 Conference is the organization's flagship event where all elements of outreach and programming come together to celebrate 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.

Great Minds in STEM is once again partnering with CAHSI (the Computing Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institutions), and will feature CHCI (the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute) in 2019. They've all chosen the Conference as the venue for annual meetings and events.

For more information about Great Minds in STEM and the 2019 GMIS Conference, please visit us online at:

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