

# Press Release

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## GMiS Partners with the National Football Foundation at its Pasadena / San Gabriel Valley Chapter's 49th Annual Scholar Athlete Banquet

**Montebello, CA March 28, 2019** – The Pasadena / San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation (NFF) held its 49th annual Scholar Athlete Banquet, and Great Minds in STEM was proud to sponsor the event once again and partner with the NFF to award college scholarships to graduating seniors. The event was held Wednesday evening, March 27th at the Pasadena Convention Center.

56 outstanding football players were honored for both their accomplishments on the field and in the classroom. All honorees have a minimum 3.0 grade point average, are seniors on their school's varsity football team, and have demonstrated leadership on their team, across campus, and in the community. The highest ranking scholar athletes also received scholarships.

This year, Great Minds in STEM sponsored three scholarships for graduating seniors who will be pursuing STEM degrees at 4-year institutions when they enter college in the fall semester of 2019. They are Seth Rodriguez of St Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs, CA; Ivan Sanchez of Workman High School in City of Industry, CA; and Nicholas Aguayo of Wilson High School in Hacienda Heights, CA. In addition, Ivan Sanchez was chosen as one of 72 out of 3,500 scholar athletes for the 2019 National Team of Distinction by the National Football Foundation national board.

GMiS applauds the entire class of 2019 NFF Scholar Athletes and looks forward to partying with the NFF in 2020 for the Pasadena / San Gabriel Valley Chapter's 50th anniversary.

### About the National Football Foundation

Launched in 1959, the organization oversees and supports 12,000 members in 121 chapters throughout the United States. These chapters hold over 1,000 scholarship banquets, fund raisers and events for over 4,800 high schools serving 450,000 student athletes annually. The mission of the Pasadena / San Gabriel Valley Chapter is to recognize and honor outstanding high school seniors at the annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet; Inspire youth to compete both academically and athletically; Encourage and promote campus leadership and community service; Promote high school football as an integral and wholesome part of school curriculum; and Support the collegiate academic pursuits of San Gabriel Valley Scholar Athletes.

### About Great Minds in STEM

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County with a 31-year history of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national STEM awareness programs for students, parents and teachers in underserved communities. Through the GMiS network, academic and career development opportunities are offered to underrepresented students in STEM fields. The organization is focused on working to build a diverse 21st Century STEM workforce in which all citizens contribute to innovation and experience prosperity. For more information please visit [greatmindsinstem.org](http://greatmindsinstem.org).