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HENAAC'S 21st Annual STEM AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

HENAAC is proud to announce the 2009 Award Winners in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). For twenty-one years, HENAAC has recognized the achievements of America's best and brightest engineers and scientists within the Hispanic community. They were selected by the HENAAC Selection Committee which is comprised of representatives from industry, government, military and academic institutions. The Selection Committee convened in Long Beach, CA on July 17, 2009, and was co-chaired by Dr. Forouzan Golshani, Dean of the College of Engineering at California State University, Long Beach and Dr. H. Keith Moo-Young, Dean of the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology, California State University, Los Angeles. HENAAC is proud to have the California State University System serve as the Academic Host for the 2009 Conference.

The winners will be honored at the HENAAC Awards Show Gala on October 9, 2009 at the Long Beach Terrace Theater at 7:00 p.m. and throughout other events at the Long Beach Convention Center during the 21st Annual HENAAC Career Conference October 8-10, 2009.

Engineer of the Year

Pedro Suarez
President, Dow Latin America
The Dow Chemical Company

Executive Excellence

Carlos L. Aguilera
Vice President & General Manager, Business Development
Chevron Africa and Latin America Exploration
Exploration and Production Company
Chevron

Pioneer Award

Maria Ruess
Vice President, Business Development
Integrated Defense Technologies
Maritime Systems & Sensors
Lockheed Martin

Chairman's Award

Alejandro (Alex) M. Lopez
Vice President of Advanced Network
and Space Systems (AN&SS)
Integrated Defense Systems
The Boeing Company

Outstanding Technical Achievement

- National Laboratories -

Mayly Sanchez, Ph.D.
Assistant Physicist
Argonne National Laboratory

Thomas L. Paez, Ph.D.
Engineer, Distinguished Member of
Technical Staff, Validation & Uncertainty
Qualification Process
Sandia National Laboratories

- Corporate -

Emilio A. Sovero, Ph.D.
Chief Scientist
Mixed Signal & Power Center
Aerospace Systems
Northrop Grumman Corporation

- Military -

Joseph Montoya, Ph.D.
Physicist
U.S. Army Research Laboratory

Lifetime Achievement

Hector M. Reyes
Technical Director and Chief Technologist
Network Centric Systems
Raytheon

Professional Achievement

- National Laboratories -

Carlos J. Gutierrez, Ph.D.
Manager, Surface and Interface Sciences
Department (1114)
Sandia National Laboratories

- Corporate -

Juan N. Rodriguez
Senior Production Leader for Low
Density Polyethylene (LDPE)
North America
The Dow Chemical Company

- Government -

Raul A. Blanco
Deputy Manager, Constellation EVA
Systems Project
NASA – Johnson Space Center

Ofelia Rubio
Civil Engineer, Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering
City of Los Angeles

- Military -

Hector M. Lopez
Deputy, Torpedo Systems Department
Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division,
NAVSEA

Major William M. Ochoa
Deputy Chief, Nuclear Analyses
Division, Headquarters
U.S. Air Force

Civil Engineering

Yazmin Seda-Sanabria, Ph.D.
Senior Program Manager
Directorate of Civil Works
Office of Homeland Security
Critical Infrastructure Team
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Most Promising Engineer

- *Doctoral* -

Teresa L. Segura, Ph.D.
Atmospheric/Planetary Scientist
Civil Systems Division Business Development
Aerospace Systems
Northrop Grumman Corporation

- *Doctoral (In Process)* -

Jesus J. Corral
Embedded Software Engineer
F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike
Fighter Program
Aeronautics Company
Lockheed Martin

- *Master of Science* -

Laura Aguilar
Senior Systems Engineer II
Network Centric Systems
Raytheon

- *Bachelor of Science* -

Angel P. Uruchima
Instrumentation & Controls Engineer
Chevron

Information Technology

- *Military* -

Juan C. Pelaez, Ph.D.
Research Scientist
U.S. Army Research Laboratory

- *Corporate* -

Dina Requena, Ph.D.
Senior Program Manager
System x Launch Portfolio Manager
Systems Technology Group
IBM Corporation

Entrepreneur

Jorge Ramirez
President/Chief Executive Officer
Heateflex Corporation

Santiago Rodriguez Diversity Award

Enrique F. Gonzalez
Chief, Diversity Programs
Recruitment and Retention Programs
Central Intelligence Agency

Community Service

Mina Martinez
Executive Assistant
Program Services & Execution
Commercial/Civil Satellite Programs
Boeing Space & Information Systems
Integrated Defense System
The Boeing Company

HENAAC Vision

Keeping America technologically strong by promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers especially in underserved communities.

HENAAC Mission

- To educate, motivate and enable more underserved students to achieve careers in STEM
- To develop and leverage Hispanic STEM talent to play a leadership role
- To engage families, educators and employers to support underserved students and communities in STEM careers
- To inspire our nation through recognition of the achievements of Hispanics and other role models in STEM
- To lead collaboration and cooperation within the STEM community

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