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### **Great Minds in STEM™ and Hispanic IT Executive Council Form Partnership**

**Los Angeles, CA** – In an effort to expand and promote STEM careers, Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) has partnered with the Hispanic IT Executive Council (HITEC) to support each organization's STEM education advancement efforts.

Through this joint endeavor HITEC has chosen four exceptional STEM college students from the pool of HENAAC Scholars Program applicants to receive scholarship honors. Both organizations are proud to announce and share with its partners and supporters the following students who were chosen to receive this first partnership award. These students were chosen by HITEC for their strong IT interest and academic accomplishments.

Ana Gunter  
Oklahoma State University  
Computer Engineering

James Kolthoff  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
Electrical Engineering

Gabriel Reyes  
University of Florida  
Electrical Engineering

Teresa Specht  
University of New Mexico  
Electrical Engineering

Students will be presented with their awards during the HITEC Executive Summit to be held June 24, 2010 in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Additionally, GMiS will provide recipients with airfare and hotel accommodations to attend the HITEC Executive Summit and the HENAAC 2010 October Conference. As part of this partnership HITEC will attend the HENAAC October 2010 Conference also being held in Lake Buena Vista, Florida to promote its fellowship programs. Both organizations are looking forward to a rewarding partnership that should prove beneficial to all.

David Olivencia HITEC President states "We are honored to partner with Great Minds in STEM and support them in the phenomenal work they do to help increase the amount of people with degrees in STEM fields. In this globally competitive world our nation needs more and more people with these skills if we are to maintain our level of economic prosperity and national security."

Ray Mellado, Chairman and CEO of Great Minds in STEM adds, "The rapid expansion of Information Technology across all industries has been the largest growth sector for America's technical workforce. All segments of the population in turn must expand their efforts to promote these career opportunities to our communities. Great Minds in STEM's partnership with HITEC and other cross-community relationships like it are vital to meeting the workforce demands of our increasingly digital economy."



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*About GMiS™:* **Great Minds in STEM™**, formerly known as HENAAC, is dedicated to keeping America strong by promoting STEM careers, especially in underserved communities. HENAAC will remain as the conference name, one aspect of the vast programming that Great Minds in STEM offers. While the organization's name has changed, the vision and mission remain the same. The name change reflects the expanded role of Education Programs and other efforts taken to promote STEM careers in underserved communities. For more information, please visit [www.greatmindsinstem.org](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org).

*About HITEC:* **HITEC (Hispanic IT Executive Council)** was founded by senior Hispanic IT executives who have built outstanding careers in information technology but realized that there were far too few Hispanics in the IT leadership role. With a strong desire and passion to make an impact within the Hispanic IT community by helping others reach the highest levels, HITEC was formed in late 2006. These national leaders include executives leading Fortune 500 corporations on both U.S. and global initiatives while others lead some of the largest Hispanic owned IT firms in the United States. For more information, please visit [www.hitecglobal.org](http://www.hitecglobal.org).