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**HENAAC Announces 2007 Luminary Honorees**

HENAAC is proud to announce the 4th Annual Luminary Honorees. The following Luminaries represent top Hispanic professionals in engineering, science and technology. Each Luminary is being recognized for his or her significant contributions to the Hispanic technical community. HENAAC believes these individuals will continue to carry the torch at their respective organizations and inspire future generations to pursue careers in technology. The Luminaries will be honored at two separate events during the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual HENAAC Conference, taking place at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, on October 11, 12, & 13, 2007, in San Diego, CA.

*Department of Defense/ HENAAC Luncheon – Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
Town & Country Ballroom, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.*

**Guadalupe (Lupe) E. Armas**  
Assistant Chief of Staff Environmental Security,  
GM-15, USMC Base Camp Pendleton  
& Regional Environmental Security Branch Head  
United States Marine Corps

**Lieutenant James Cory Dyer**  
Chemistry Radiological Controls Assistant  
USS Carl Vinson  
United States Navy

**Guillermo Leiva**  
Electrical Engineer, Electromagnetic  
Environmental Effects (E3) Branch  
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center

**John Anthony Jettinghoff**  
Civil Engineer  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Commander Gerald N. Miranda**  
Deputy Director, U.S. House of Representatives  
Navy Liaison Office  
United States Navy

**Lieutenant Colonel Fernando Maymi**  
Research Officer, Department of Electrical  
Engineering and Computer Science  
United States Military Academy  
United States Army

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**Nicole Ortega**  
Assistant Branch Chief  
Civil Works Project Management Branch  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Robert E. Roybal**  
Team Lead, Tactical Target Lethality  
Directed Energy Directorate, Laser Effects Lab  
Air Force Research Laboratory

**Major Melinda Zapata Kalainoff**  
Assistant Professor of Chemistry  
United States Military Academy  
United States Army

***Luminary Luncheon - Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Town & Country Ballroom, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.***

**Juan H. Agui, Ph.D.**  
Aerospace Engineer  
R&T Microgravity Fluid Physics and Transport  
NASA Glenn Research Center

**Juan C. Arevalo**  
Civil Associate Engineer  
Michael Baker Jr., Inc.

**Martha A. Branoff**  
Quality Systems Manager  
General Motors Powertrain  
General Motors

**Maria E. Cardwell**  
Manufacturing Engineer  
747 Airframe  
Boeing Commercial Airplanes  
The Boeing Company

**Armando Chacon**  
Electrical System Integration Manager  
Ford Motor Company

**Juan Delgadillo**  
Manager, Systems  
General Dynamics SATCOM Technologies  
Inc

**Carlos E. Hernandez**  
Engineering Manager  
Texas Instruments

**Jesus (Jesse) M. Hernandez**  
Senior Architect  
Parsons

**Carlos A. Kohan**  
Sr. Consultant and Marketing Manager/ Director,  
High Tech Industry  
EMC<sup>2</sup> Corporation

**Paul Rolando Llano Jr.**  
Design Manager  
Technical Discipline Manager  
CH2M HILL

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**Adriana Magaña**

Software Engineer  
DPS Test Set Software Lead  
Northrop Grumman Space Technology  
Northrop Grumman

**Mónica L. Martínez-Canales**

Principal Member of Technical Staff  
Department of Computational Sciences  
and Mathematics Research  
Sandia National Laboratories

**Renee Munoz-Verdejo**

Product Development Engineer - Axles  
Ford Motor Company

**William G. Pagán**

Advisory Software Engineer, Systems  
Management Test Tool Segment Lead  
IBM Corporation

**Timothy A. Puente**

Product Integration Manager  
Heavy Duty Ram and Chassis Cab Products  
DaimlerChrysler Corporation

**Lawrence F. Ramirez, Jr.**

Senior Project Manager  
Winning Culture and Inclusion  
Freescale Semiconductors

**Rosa Ramos- Kwok**

Executive Director of Information Technology  
Morgan Stanley

**Damaris Robles-Santiago**

Enterprise Excellence Quality Engineer  
Shaw Industries Group, Inc.

**Pedro Rodriguez**

Senior Principal Mechanical Engineer  
Mechanical Engineering Directorate  
Platform Integration Department Manager  
Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems  
Raytheon

**Scott Sanchez**

Systems Engineer  
Lockheed Martin Information Systems  
& Global Services  
Lockheed Martin

**Mission Statement:**

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

For more information about the 2007 HENAAC Luminaries or the HENAAC Conference, please call our office at (323) 262-0997, or visit our web site at [www.henaac.org](http://www.henaac.org).