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**GREAT MINDS IN STEM ANNOUNCES 2011 HENAAC STUDENT LEADERSHIP
AWARD WINNERS AND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

The Great Minds in STEM™ Board of Directors and Scholarship Selection Committee are proud to announce the 2011 HENAAC Student Leadership Award winners and scholarship recipients. Science, technology, engineering and math students with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher qualified to apply for these awards and scholarships. In addition to grade point average, students were selected on the basis of leadership and campus/community service. Applicants also must be of Hispanic origin or have excelled in their service to the Hispanic community. Each scholarship recipient will receive an educational grant plus travel and hotel accommodations to the 23rd Annual HENAAC Conference and Awards Show in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. They will also be listed in the conference issue of TECHNICA Magazine and be honored at the Student Leadership Dinner to be held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort on Saturday, October 8, 2011. The following is a complete listing of 2011 HENAAC Scholarship Recipients.

**HENAAC/Student Leadership Award – Graduate
(Sponsored by Ray and Carmella Mellado)**

Nancy Diaz	University of California, Berkeley	Mechanical Engineering
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**HENAAC/Student Leadership Award – Undergraduate
(Sponsored by bp)**

Abel Cortinas	Texas Technical University	Chemical Engineering
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HENAAC/Northrop Grumman Foundation Scholars

Yolian Amaro	University of Puerto Rico – Mayaguez	Computer Engineering
David Bartolomei	University of Puerto Rico – Mayaguez	Computer Engineering
Nelian Colon	University of Puerto Rico – Mayaguez	Computer Engineering
Beatrice Perez	University of Puerto Rico – Mayaguez	Computer Engineering
Elsa Reyes	California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Computer Engineering

HENAAC/Lockheed Martin Corporation Scholars

Jose Carrillo	University of California, Berkeley	Electrical Engineering
Jose Hirshman	Cornell University	Computer Science
Marisol Lozano Roman	University of Colorado at Boulder	Electrical Engineering
Alejandro Parra	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering
Christian Pastor	Pennsylvania State University	Electrical Engineering
Grace Rodriguez	University of Puerto Rico - Mayaguez	Computer Engineering
Keishley Rosario	University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez	Electrical Engineering

HENAAC/Shaw Industries

Ricardo Aleman	Florida State University	Mechanical Engineering
Pedro Bravo	Florida State University	Industrial Engineering
Vanessa Perez	Tennessee Technological University	Electrical Engineering
Genesis Vasquez	Florida International University	Mechanical Engineering
Edwin Vazquez	Mercer University	Electrical Engineering

HENAAC/Rockwell Collins

Axel Garcia Burgos	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Aerospace Engineering
Karla Leyva	University of Texas at El Paso	Electrical Engineering
Jose Long	Texas A&M University	Aerospace Engineering

HENAAC/Southern California Edison (SCE)

Claudia Aguirre	University of Southern California	Civil Engineering
Elber Arroyo	East Los Angeles College	Civil Engineering
Justin Bautista	University of California, Riverside	Electrical Engineering
Rosa Delgado	University of Southern California	Civil Engineering
Hersy Enriquez	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Civil Engineering
Aida Guido	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Civil Engineering
Francisco Iturbe	University of Southern California	Civil Engineering
Narciso Jimenez	California State University, Los Angeles	Civil Engineering
Jannet Loera	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Civil Engineering
Jeremy Sanchez	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering

HENAAC/Victoria Alegria Tracy Memorial Scholarship

Matthew Acosta	California State University, Long Beach	Physics
Adan Amarillas	University of California, Irvine	Aerospace Engineering
Mayanin Amezcua	California State University, Los Angeles	Civil Engineering
Jose Aparicio	University of Southern California	Mechanical Engineering
Christopher Arrieta	Santa Ana College	Mathematics
Arsine Baghdasarian	California State University, Los Angeles	Mechanical Engineering
Cheyenne Adeline Balboa	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering
Alexis Barajas	California State University, Los Angeles	Mechanical Engineering
Scarlett Carrillo	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering
Miguel Guerrero	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Mechanical Engineering
Alexandria Langford	University of Southern California	Astronautical Engineering
Iris Molina	California State University, Los Angeles	Civil Engineering
Iylene Patino	University of California, Los Angeles	Aerospace Engineering
Maria Prieto	California State University, Los Angeles	Mechanical Engineering
Allison Rodriguez	University California, Irvine	Civil Engineering
Cristy Sanchez	University of California, San Diego	Mechanical Engineering
Leticia Santana	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering
Joanna Vasquez	University of California, Riverside	Environmental Engineering

HENAAC/NASA Johnson Space Center

Alejandro Azocar	Texas A&M University – College Station	Aerospace Engineering
Erica Castillo	University of Texas at Arlington	Aerospace Engineering
Daniel Herrera	Texas A&M University – College Station	Chemical Engineering
Xavier Martinez	University of Texas at El Paso	Mechanical Engineering
Angel Zubieta	University of Texas at Austin	Biomedical Engineering

HENAAC/Verizon

Nancy Andia	Rutgers University	Electrical Engineering
Mario Carrizo, Jr.	University of Texas at Dallas	Computer Science
Melissa Cortes	Florida International University	Electrical Engineering
Danny Mota	Virginia Institute of Technology	Computer Engineering
Gustavo Vilarete	University of Illinois at Chicago	Computer Engineering

HENAAC/NAVSEA

Jacob Hoffman	Texas A&M University – College Station	Mechanical Engineering
Eden Marroquin	Texas A&M University – College Station	Nuclear Engineering
Juan Carlos Nobrega	Florida International University	Engineering
Sarah Reyes	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Manufacturing Engineering
Madeline Salazar	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Mechanical Engineering
Priscila Verduzco	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Mechanical Engineering

HENAAC/Jose R. Silva Memorial Scholarship Sponsored by Raytheon

Scarlett Carrillo	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering
Felipe De Alva	University of Texas at El Paso	Electrical Engineering
Gerardo Zarate	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering

HENAAC/Abbott Laboratories

Omar Uribe	Georgia Institute of Technology	Chemical Engineering
Katherine Tremblay	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Chemical Engineering

HENAAC/bp

Abel Cortinas	Texas Technical University	Chemical Engineering
Rigoberto Lopez	Texas A&M University – College Station	Mechanical Engineering

HENAAC/Sigma Lambda International Fraternity, Inc.

Ruben Lopez	University of Texas at Pan American	Mechanical Engineering
Adrian Meza	University of Southern California	Aerospace Engineering

HENAAC/Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority

Estella Cota	University of Texas at Austin	Civil Engineering
Daniela Sanchez	University of Central Florida	Civil Engineering

HENAAC/Ray & Carmella Mellado Scholarship

Nancy Diaz	University of California, Berkeley	Mechanical Engineering
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HENAAC/Najera Consulting Scholarship

Karen Rico	Southern Methodist University	Civil Engineering
Alejandra Solis	Texas A&M University – Kingsville	Civil Engineering

HENAAC/Robert & Debbie Amezcua Scholarship

Brandon Aguirre	University of Texas at El Paso	Electrical Engineering
Javier Mendiola	University of Texas at El Paso	Biochemistry

HENAAC/Leticia S. Montiel Memorial Scholarship

Steven Galindo	University of Texas at El Paso	Mechanical Engineering
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Dan and Patricia Arvizu Energy Scholarship

Maria de Lourdes Corona	Stanford University	Environmental Engineering
Jose Delgado	University of Texas at Austin	Chemical Engineering

HENAAC/Dow Chemical

Jesus Fresnillo	Texas A&M University – College Station	Mechanical Engineering
Bianca Garcia	Texas A&M University – Kingsville	Chemical Engineering
Jennifer Gutierrez	University of Texas at Austin	Mechanical Engineering
Giavanna Rivera-Mohammed	University of Florida	Mechanical Engineering
Adah Sanchez	Texas A&M University – Kingsville	Chemical Engineering

HENAAC/Cummins

Alex Avendano	Iowa State University	Mechanical Engineering
Niall Brown	Georgia Institute of Technology	Mechanical Engineering
Alberto Cervantes	Ohio State University	Mechanical Engineering
Jay Flores	University of Wisconsin – Madison	Mechanical Engineering
Fabrizio Garcia	Georgia Institute of Technology	Mechanical Engineering
Eduardo Jasso	University of Houston	Mechanical Engineering
Claudia Lara	Georgia Institute of Technology	Industrial Engineering
Joaquin Moreyra	University of Miami	Industrial Engineering
Gonzalo Perez	University of Florida	Mechanical Engineering
Ginina Vitucci	University of Florida	Mechanical Engineering

HENAAC/Viva Technology

Armando Rojas	University of Southern California	Mechanical Engineering
Jami Tuilius	Rice University	Mechanical Engineering

Viva Technology Shell STEM Showdown Scholarship Awards

Krista Pennington	Southern University and A&M College	Mechanical Engineering
Jasmin Richardson	Southern University and A&M College	Civil Engineering
Maisha Robinson	Southern University and A&M College	Mechanical Engineering
Tajh Williams	Southern University and A&M College	Mechanical Engineering

For additional information about the 2011 scholarship recipients or about the HENAAC Scholars Program, please contact Kathy Borunda Barrera at (323) 262-0997, extension 300, or visit the Great Minds in STEM website at: www.greatmindsinstem.org.

Great Minds in STEM™ Vision

Be a national leader in keeping America technologically strong by promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math careers especially in underserved communities

Great Minds in STEM™ Mission

- To inspire and motivate underserved students to pursue careers in Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
- To enlighten and engage families, educators, communities and employers to assist underserved students pursuing STEM careers
- To inspire our nation through recognition of the achievements of Hispanics and other role models in STEM
- To enable and leverage Hispanic STEM talent to play a leadership role
- To collaborate and cooperate nationally within the STEM community