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**GREAT MINDS IN STEM RECOGNIZES RAYTHEON'S HECTOR REYES
WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD DURING 2009 HENAAC CONFERENCE**
*Technical Director and Chief Technologist for Raytheon's Network Centric Systems receives honor
during national conference*

LOS ANGELES – Great Minds in STEM honored Hector Reyes, Technical Director and Chief Technologist for Raytheon's Network Centric Systems, with the Lifetime Achievement award during the 2009 HENAAC Conference in Long Beach, Calif.

While the conference's Award Show included stars like Tony Plana of the television series *Ugly Betty* and musical group Jazz on the Latin Side All Stars, the true stars of the evening were the award winners for their achievements in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM). Reyes was selected as the Lifetime Achievement award winner by a Selection Committee of professionals from industry, academia and the government.

"Every HENAAC honoree must be truly stellar, as he or she represents the best in the field," said Ray Mellado, CEO and Chairman of Great Minds in STEM. "Amazing role models like Hector Reyes not only inspire our next generation of technical leaders, but raise the bar for that generation as well."

It was during his college years that Reyes first learned the capabilities of electro optics and began to apply them to the safety of war fighters. He has devoted his career to developing innovative solutions to help our soldiers "see" farther, clearer and with a wider field of view.

Reyes currently serves as Raytheon's technical director and chief technologist for Network Centric Systems in Richardson, Texas. In this role, he manages the technology portfolio for this \$4 billion business. He leads the Raytheon Corporate Committee for strategy for technical lasers and represents NCA on the Raytheon Chief Engineers Council. He also holds the distinction of having been the youngest engineer ever to be elected a Raytheon Engineering Fellow.

At Raytheon, Reyes leadership consistently exceeds expectations. His career achievements reflect the strength that he brings to every position and every challenge, and the positive influence his contributions have had on Raytheon and the field of electro optics.

Reyes earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering Southern Methodist University and his Master's degree in systems engineering at Texas Tech University.

For a complete listing of award winners presented during the HENAAC Conference, please visit www.greatmindsinstem.org.

HENAAC Conference

Focusing on effective recruitment, recognition, and retention of Hispanic talent in STEM, HENAAC conference activities honor excellence, build and reinforce networks, and strengthen company, agency and school pride. Through seminars, award shows, competitions, middle and high school programs and high-level panel discussions, the conference focuses on the crucial areas of STEM in education, government and industry to better prepare U.S. students and professionals for a future heavily reliant on these fields.

Great Minds in STEM

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.

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Great Minds in STEM honored Hector Reyes (left), Technical Director and Chief Technologist for Raytheon's Network Centric Systems, with the Lifetime Achievement award during the 2009 HENAAC Conference in Long Beach, Calif. The award was presented by Scott Whatmouth (right), Vice President of Engineering, Technology and Quality for Network Centric Systems, Raytheon, during the conference's Award Show.