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**GREAT MINDS IN STEM RECOGNIZES ALEJANDRO LOPEZ OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
WITH CHARMAN'S AWARD DURING 2009 HENAAC CONFERENCE**

Boeing executive receives honor during national conference

LOS ANGELES – Great Minds in STEM honored Alejandro Lopez, Vice President of Advanced Network & Space Systems, Integrated Defense Systems, The Boeing Company, with the Chairman's 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). Lopez was named Chairman's Award recipient 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 Alejandro Lopez not only inspire our next generation of technical leaders, but raise the bar for that generation as well."

As the vice president of Advanced Network & Space Systems (AN&SS) in the Advanced Systems organization of The Boeing Company's Integrated Defense Systems business unit in Huntington Beach, Calif., Lopez is responsible for the work of more than 1000 people, including seven directors, and a budget of more than \$20 billion long range business plans. He excels at meeting every challenge as he leads his team to significant achievements in this very competitive, quick paced business.

Lopez earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at Princeton University and his Master's degree in electrical engineering at Stanford 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 honors 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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