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HENAAC to Cancel “Heart of the Matter” Valentine Dinner Dance

**February 14, 2009 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM
The Proud Bird Restaurant 110220 Aviation Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90045**

After careful consideration HENAAC has decided to cancel the Valentine’s Dance on February 14, 2009 in light of the current economic conditions in southern California. The purpose of this dance was to raise funds to support HENAAC’s vision and mission.

HENAAC would like to thank those sponsors and individuals who did sign-up to support the dance however the overall response was low and it was in HENAAC’s best financial interest to cancel the dance at this time. Please note that HENAAC will be issuing refunds over the next two weeks to those that pre-paid for the dance.

A key feature of the dance was to honor four local “Heart of the Matter” Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) employees and HENAAC will still honor these individuals on July 16, 2009 at the HENAAC July Summit Reception, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Long Beach, CA. More information will be sent out at a later date.

The four honorees are:

Mina Martinez, Administrator to the Director, Program Services & Execution, The Boeing Company

Gabriela Cepeda – Rizo, Civil Engineer Support Services, Chevron Corporation

Ray Haynes, Ph.D., Director, University Strategic Alliances. Northrop Grumman Corporation

Jose Silva, (*Posthumously*), Past President & Co-Founder of HOLA-HISNET, Raytheon Company

HENAAC’s Vision

Preserving a technologically strong America by promoting science, technology, engineering and math careers, especially in underrepresented communities.

HENAAC’s Mission

- 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

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