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**Great Minds in STEM Announces First Round of the Class of 2013 HENAAC
Scholars**

GMiS Awards Over \$225,000 in Scholarships

Monterey Park, CA, August 30, 2013 – Now in its 25th year of serving the underserved and underrepresented community, Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) is proud to announce the first round of Class of 2013 HENAAC Scholars. This class of recipients represents some of the most academically talented Hispanic students across the U.S. Close to 700 qualified applications were received for this scholarship competition.

GMiS awards these merit-based scholarships in three categories: Corporate-Sponsored Scholarships; Special Recognition Scholarships; and *In Memoriam* and Personal Tribute Scholarships. In addition, GMiS presents two special leadership awards to the top graduate student and undergraduate student who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and technical talent as an emerging STEM scholar in the classroom, in their research, and in the Hispanic community.

The 2013 leadership awards are presented to Sandra Gonzalez, a senior in biomedical engineering at The University of Arizona and Fidel Hernandez, a doctoral candidate in mechanical engineering at Stanford University. These awards include a \$1,000 scholarship specially sponsored by Ray Mellado (GMiS CEO and Chairman) and his wife Carmela.

In addition to the scholarship, each recipient will also receive travel and hotel accommodations to the 25th Anniversary HENAAC Conference, in New Orleans, from October 3 – 5, 2013. Scholars will be honored during the Student Leadership Dinner, held at the conference, on Saturday, October 5, 2013.

Following is a roster of the first round of Class of 2013 HENAAC Scholars. A second announcement is planned for September 16, 2013, in recognition of additional scholarship sponsors and supporters. Please visit the GMiS website for additional updates.

If you are interested in supporting the Great Minds in STEM HENAAC Scholars Program, please contact Dr. Gary Cruz at gcruz@greatmindsinstem.org.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS
(Sponsored by Ray and Carmela Mellado)

HENAAC/Student Leadership Award –
Undergraduate
Sandra Gonzalez
Senior, Biomedical Engineering
The University of Arizona

HENAAC/Student Leadership Award – Graduate
Fidel Hernandez
Doctoral Student, Mechanical Engineering
Stanford University

CORPORATE-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS

HENAAC/Argonne National Laboratory

Alex Avendano Mechanical Engineering Iowa State University

HENAAC/Booz Allen Hamilton

Irvin Cardenas Computer Science Florida International University

HENAAC/Cummins, Inc.

Christian Amezcua	Mechanical Engineering	The University of Texas at El Paso
Karyna Banuelos	Chemical Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Julio Hernandez	Mechanical Engineering	University of the Pacific
Patrick Hogan	Chemical Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Marcelo Murcia	Mechanical Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Angela Pereda	Chemical Engineering	University of Delaware
Gabriel Rios	Chemical Engineering	University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez
Federico Salinas	Mechanical Engineering	The University of Texas at Austin
Gabriel Valerio	Mechanical Engineering	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Juan Vargas	Metallurgical and Materials Engineering	The University of Texas at El Paso

HENAAC/Dow Chemical

Ruben Guardado	Mechanical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles
Elio Morillo	Mechanical Engineering	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Erik Sanchez	Civil Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

HENAAC/Lockheed Martin Corporation

Nelian Colon	Computer Engineering	University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez
Reinaldo Cruz	Computer Engineering	Georgia Institute of Technology
Roya Edalatpour	Electrical Engineering	The University of Texas at El Paso
Jessica Montes	Electrical Engineering	The University of Texas at El Paso
Martin Sandoval	Electrical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles
Neel Shah	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Northeastern University
Juan Vicente	Electrical Engineering	The University of Texas at El Paso

HENAAC/McAfee

Sarah Gonzalez	Computer Engineering	University of New Mexico
Cristina Padro	Computer Engineering	University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez
David Rodriguez	Information Technology	University of Central Florida
Zachary Ruiz	Computer Science	The University of Texas at Austin

HENAAC/NASA's Johnson Space Center

Pelle Arthur	Bioengineering	University of Washington, Seattle
Scarlett Carrillo	Electrical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles
Emmanuel Estrada	Computer Engineering	Texas A&M University
Lisbeth Hernandez	Biomedical Engineering	Saint Louis University
Brian Preciado	Biology	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

HENAAC/NASA Langley Research Center

Alejandro Moncada	Mechanical Engineering	University of Virginia
Garrett Ott	Physics	Washington University in St. Louis

HENAAC/NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center

Domino Birze	Engineering	Indiana University in Bloomington
Jacob Bremerman	Physics	University of Maryland, College Park
Jocelyn Carnicle	Biomedical Sciences	The University of Texas at San Antonio
Matthew Ferguson	Chemical Engineering	Cornell University
Ana Guzman	Civil Engineering	The University of Texas at El Paso
Samuel Huerta	Biomedical Engineering	Texas A&M University
Erick Salazar	Mechanical Engineering	The University of Texas at El Paso
Giovanna Torres	Mechanical Engineering	University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez

HENAAC/Northrop Grumman Corporation

Kyle Abrahamsen	Electrical Engineering	California State University, Northridge
Stephanie Aceves	Computer Science	University of Southern California
Leonardo Frem	Electrical Engineering	California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Roscoe Johnson	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Morgan State University
Carlos Martinez	Electrical Engineering	University of Southern California

HENAAC/Rockwell Collins

Agustin Romo	Aerospace Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Valeria Ruiz	Industrial and Systems Engineering	Rochester Institute of Technology
Gerardo Villarreal	Mechanical Engineering	The University of Texas-Pan American -

HENAAC/Texas Instruments

Linda Buzzi	Electrical Engineering	Carnegie Mellon University
Monica Mercado	Electrical Engineering	University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez

HENAAC/VMWare

Maria Guerrero	Mathematics and Computer Science	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Michael Velez	Computer Science	The University of Texas at El Paso

SPECIAL RECOGNITION SCHOLARSHIPS

\$10,000 U.S. Navy STEM Scholarship (Sponsored by NAVSEA & SSP)

Rigoberto Abrego	Mechanical Engineering	University of Texas, Pan American
Michelle Aranda	Mechanical Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Jaylene Martinez	Mathematics	University of New Mexico
Victoria Medinilla	Chemical Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Lauren Mejia	Biochemistry	University of California, San Diego
Victor Mendez	Engineering	The University of Texas at San Antonio
Cynthia Morales	Mechanical Engineering	The University of Texas at El Paso
Patrick Sellas	Mechanical Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Kenia Sosa	Computer Science	University of California, Riverside
Jonathan Valles	Structural Engineering	University of California, San Diego
Randall Van Why	Computer Science/Mathematics	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Roderick Van Why	Mathematics & Computer Science	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology

National Football Hall of Fame – San Gabriel Valley/Pasadena Chapter

Lance Fernandez	Computer Engineering	University of California, San Diego
Washington Reeder	Chemical Engineering	University of California, Berkeley
Manuel Vejar	Mechanical Engineering	Mount San Antonio College

GMiS STEM Showdown™ (Sponsored by Shell Oil Company)

Alexandra Ehrhardt	Biological Chemistry	Tulane University
Jennifer Lastimosa	Biomedical Engineering and Math	Tulane University
Michelle Ngo	Biomedical Engineering	Tulane University

GMiS General Scholarship

Sofia Armengol	Neuroscience and Public Health	Tulane University
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IN MEMORIAM AND PERSONAL TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

HENAAC-Davila/Trevino Memorial Scholarship

Emmanuel Aguilar	Computer Engineering	Texas Tech University
Enoch Chambers	Mechanical Engineering	The University of Texas Pan American
Diane Flores	Mathematics and Computer Science	Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Roma Liani	Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics	Southern Methodist University
Andres Michel	Electrical Engineering	University of Houston
Alvaro Ordonez	Electrical Engineering	University of Houston
Pearl Ortega	Industrial Engineering	St. Mary's University
Melody Packard	Mathematics and Physics	Texas State University
Alicia Sanchez	Biology	St. Mary's University
Aaron Villalobos	Mechanical Engineering	Texas A&M University-Kingsville

HENAAC/Jose R. Silva Memorial Scholarship
(Sponsored by Raytheon)

Ernesto Covarrubias	Mechanical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles
Christrian Vabrera	Electrical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles

HENAAC/L & J Hispanic Women Scholarship
(Sponsored by Leslie Arriaga & Josinell Serrano)

Valerie Bermudez	Civil Engineering	Georgia Institute of Technology
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HENAAC/Victoria Alegria Tracy Memorial Scholarship
(Sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. John Tracy)

Leticia Santana	Mechanical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles
Yessenia Toscano	Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles

About Great Minds in STEM™

Great Minds in STEM™ is an education, national 501(c)3 nonprofit, whose vision is to be a national leader in keeping America technologically strong by promoting science, technology, engineering and math careers especially in underserved communities. Now, in its 25th year, it remains the only national entity, which has consistently recognized the esteemed technical achievements of STEM role models through a selective, peer-reviewed process. For more information on the event, please contact Julie Magallanes-Guevara, Manager of Public Affairs at (213) 435-9934 or (323) 262-0997 ext. 628 and visit the Great Minds in STEM™ website at www.greatmindsinstem.org.

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