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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

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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

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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

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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

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

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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  
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### IN MEMORIAM AND PERSONAL TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

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HENAAC/Victoria Alegria Tracy Memorial Scholarship  
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