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The Super Bowl of Sports, Scholarships and STEM

Great Minds Hosts National Football Foundation Chapter for Scholarship Selection

Monterey Park, CA, January 23, 2014 ó With the Super Bowl just over a week away, Great Minds in STEM (GMiS) plays host to the Scholarship Committee of the Pasadena /San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation for the all important selection of the 2014 Pasadena/SGV NFF Scholars.

Great Minds in STEM partners with the Pasadena/SGV Chapter through the HENAAC Scholars program to provide scholarships to graduating high school student athletes who will be pursuing studies in science, technology, engineering or math. GMiS Board Member Tony Ortega serves as president of the Pasadena/SGV Chapter and GMiS Chairman and Founder Ray Mellado is also a member of the Pasadena/SGV Chapter board and co-chair of the scholarship committee.

The Pasadena/SGV Chapter receives applications from student athletes attending the 72 high schools from the "Greater" Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley. Chapter boundaries extend west from Alhambra to Claremont in the east and from St Francis, in La Canada, in the north to as far south as Bell Gardens. Additionally, the Chapter service area includes Northeast and East Los Angeles, as well as Montebello and Whittier.

On March 25, 2014 the Pasadena/SGV Chapter will celebrate its 44th Annual Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet. The Chapter will honor 44 high school seniors and award a total of \$10,000 in scholarships.

Over the past 25 years, GMiS has awarded more than \$2M to over 830 HENAAC Scholars.

About The Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley Chapter of The National Football Foundation

The Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley Chapter of The National Football Foundation (NFF) is involved in a number of community events and service that impact the lives of over a million residents in the greater San Gabriel Valley area. Located in the shadow of the world-famous Rose Bowl, the Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley Chapter takes pride in being an active chapter and one of the more recognizable service organizations in the region. Over 500 members serve on many of the chapter's major projects.

About Great Minds in STEM™

GMiS is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County. GMiS is proud to celebrate 25 years of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) awareness programs for students, parents and teachers in underserved communities; providing opportunities for the academic and career development of underrepresented students and professionals in STEM; and honoring the excellent contributions of our nation's Hispanic engineers and scientists. With a national presence through its education programs as well as its college and professional offerings, the organization is working to ensure that the U.S. maintains its status as the world's technology leader.

For more information on GMiS and its various programs, please contact Julie Magallanes-Guevara, Manager of Public Affairs, at (213) 435-9934 or (323) 262-0997 ext. 628 and visit the GMiS website at www.greatmindsinstem.org.