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**Great Minds in STEM Awards Over \$595,000 in STEM College Scholarships**  
*148 STEM College Students inducted into Class of 2018 HENAAC Scholars*

Montebello, CA, September 21, 2018 – Now in its 30th year of promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to underserved and underrepresented communities, Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) is pleased to announce its Class of 2018 HENAAC Scholars, which includes 148 exceptional scholars receiving more than \$595,000 in financial support. Over 1,400 applications from across the nation were reviewed for this merit-based scholarship competition. GMiS awarded scholarships in three categories: Corporate/Federal Agency-Sponsored Scholarships; Special Recognition Scholarships; and In Memoriam and Personal Tribute Scholarships. To date, GMiS has awarded over \$4.2M in merit-based scholarships to over 1,400 STEM college students.

GMiS thanks its dedicated sponsors and donors, and new corporate sponsors - AECOM, Airbus, and Oracle Academy – for recognizing the outstanding scholastic achievements of some of the nation’s most technically-talented students. GMiS thanks those sponsors – Chevron, Intel Corporation, NAVSEA, Leidos, and the Davila/Trevino Family – for increasing their scholarship support. This year, GMiS also introduced the GMiS Community College Scholarship to support the academic endeavors of local community college students in their pursuit of STEM careers.

In addition to the scholarship, GMiS provides over \$900 in travel, registration and hotel accommodations for each scholar to attend the annual HENAAC Conference and engage with his/her sponsor and participate in leadership and professional development opportunities. The 2018 HENAAC Conference, which is also the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for GMiS, will be held in Pasadena, CA, from October 17 – 21, 2018. Scholars will be honored during the HENAAC Award Winners and Scholars Reception on Thursday, October 18 at 8:30 PM, and the Student Leadership Awards Show on Friday, October 19, at 6:00 PM. The events will be held at the Pasadena Convention Center and Civic Auditorium, respectively.

If you are interested in supporting the Great Minds in STEM HENAAC Scholars Program, please contact Sonia Martinez, Chief Academic Officer ([smartinez@greatmindsinstem.org](mailto:smartinez@greatmindsinstem.org)) or Bertha Haro, Director of Development ([bharo@greatmindsinstem.org](mailto:bharo@greatmindsinstem.org)). Congratulations again to the GMiS Class of 2018 HENAAC Scholars!

**\$10,000 Intel Corporation Scholarship**

Ilia Bautista Adames	Doctoral	University of South Florida	Electrical Engineering
Chung Bui	Masters	Duke University	Electrical & Computer Eng.
Larissa Del Rosario	Senior	University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez	Electrical Engineering
Javier Macossay-Hernandez	Masters	University of Southern California	Computer Science
Georgy Marrero	Senior	University of California, Berkeley	Computer Science
Andres Nunez	Junior	University of Houston	Electrical Engineering
James Ramos	Junior	Rutgers University	Computer Engineering
Francisco Romero	Doctoral	Stanford University	Electrical Engineering
Brandon Tineo	Masters	University of Pennsylvania	Computer Science
Alexandre Yamamoto	Doctoral	Texas A&M University	Electrical Engineering

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

Moises Aldape	Sophomore	California State University, Los Angeles	Mechanical Engineering
Adriel Arias	Sophomore	University of Houston	Computer Science
Roy Geiger	Sophomore	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	Computer Science
Paola Granados	Sophomore	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Environmental Science
Brian Ortiz	Sophomore	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	Chemical Engineering
Ethan Sena	Sophomore	University of New Mexico	Mechanical Engineering
Luis Solano	Sophomore	San Diego State University	Aerospace Engineering
Lorena Velasquez	Sophomore	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	Mechanical Engineering
Cameron Abril	Freshman	University of Arizona	Engineering
Sandra Elena Castrejon	Freshman	California State University, Northridge	Mathematics
Abby Garcia	Freshman	University of Texas at San Antonio	Engineering
Angelica Magnussen	Freshman	University of Texas at Arlington	Computer Science
Gemelee Memije	Freshman	San Diego State University	Computer Science
Esteban Nutez	Freshman	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	Mechanical Engineering
Andres Tapia	Freshman	University of Illinois at Chicago	Computer Science
Esmeralda Topete	Freshman	University of California, Santa Cruz	Robotic Engineering / Mathematics
Jennifer Vega	Freshman	California State University, Los Angeles	Computer Science & Engineering

**CORPORATE/FEDERAL AGENCY SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS**

**AECOM**

Crystal Sandoval	Junior	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Civil Engineering
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**Airbus**

Julian Herrera	Senior	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Aerospace Engineering
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**Chevron**

Saira Bano	Sophomore	Loyola University of Chicago	Information Technology
Tiffany Bauman	Junior	Rice University	Mechanical Engineering
Erick Burgess, Jr.	Junior	Tulane University	Chemical Engineering
Kyle Dyer	Junior	Colorado School of Mines	Chemical Engineering
Salvador Flores-Garcia	Sophomore	University of California, Berkeley	Civil Engineering
Rafael Guerrero	Junior	University of Utah	Computer Science
Marco Gutierrez	Junior	Rice University	Mechanical Engineering
Joaquin Herrera	Junior	University of New Mexico	Mechanical Engineering

Leonardo Lopez	Masters	University of Southern California	Computer Science
Raymundo Lopez	Senior	University of Alaska Fairbanks	Petroleum Engineering
Alexander Mancevski	Freshman	Harvard University	Chemistry
Amirr Neal	Masters	California State University, Los Angeles	Mechanical Engineering
Michelle Nguyen	Sophomore	Colorado School of Mines	Chemical Engineering
Nayeli Ontiveros	Freshman	University of Texas at El Paso	Mechanical Engineering
Freddy Ordoñez	Masters	University of Michigan	Environmental Engineering
Ana Rescala	Junior	University of Southern California	Computer Science & Eng.
Carla Rivera	Junior	University of Texas at Austin	Computer Science
Jesus Rodriguez	Freshman	University of Central Florida	Computer Science
Eva Ruiz	Junior	University of Houston, Downtown	Computer Science
Nicholas Sanchez-Jans	Junior	University of Colorado Boulder	Mechanical Engineering
Javier Solorzano	Junior	Louisiana State University	Computer Engineering
Thomas Suarez	Freshman	Georgia Institute of Technology	Computer Science
Juan Vaca	Junior	University of Houston	Petroleum & Mechanical Engineering
Emmanuel Valencia-Ruiz	Sophomore	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering
Kevin Villanueva	Sophomore	University of California, Santa Barbara	Computer Science

#### **Cummins, Inc.**

Arynn Gallegos	Junior	University of Southern California	Electrical Engineering
Michael Jackson	Junior	University of Houston	Mechanical Engineering
Alexis Lopez	Junior	University of Texas at El Paso	Mechanical Engineering

#### **DEODATE Corporation**

Elena Martinez	Freshman	Loyola Marymount University	Applied Mathematics
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#### **Dow Chemical**

Daniel Gonzalez-Diaz	Sophomore	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Mechanical Engineering
Mario Gutierrez	Doctoral	University of Michigan	Chemical Engineering
Andrew Palacios	Junior	Columbia University	Chemical Engineering
Marycarmen Perales	Junior	Lamar University	Chemical Engineering

#### **Edison International**

Aaron Aguirre	Sophomore	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Mechanical Engineering
Barbara Aguirre	Masters	University of California, Riverside	Mechanical Engineering
Ye Aung	Junior	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering
Laura Avellaneda	Senior	California State University, Long Beach	Mechanical Engineering
Juan Avila	Sophomore	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering
Jonathan Estrada	Junior	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering
Jaime Estrada, Jr.	Junior	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering
Ana Gonzalez-Diaz	Sophomore	University of California, Irvine	Civil Engineering
Pyae Hein	Masters	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering

Marisol Hernandez-Cira	Doctoral	University of California, Los Angeles	Civil & Environmental Engineering
Jasmine Moreno	Masters	University of California, Los Angeles	Electrical & Computer Engineering
Margarita Nuridianian	Senior	California State University, Los Angeles	Computer Science & Engineering
Luis Perez	Masters	California State University, Fresno	Civil Engineering
Luis Perez	Junior	California Lutheran University	Mathematics/Computer Science
Alexis Rios	Senior	California State University, Los Angeles	Mechanical Engineering
Terrence Sarmiento	Senior	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering
Cody Silva	Senior	University of California, Santa Barbara	Electrical Engineering

### Great Minds in STEM Community College Scholarship

Jaime Alvarez	Sophomore	Rio Hondo College	Computer Engineering
Johannes Dimopoulos	Sophomore	Pasadena City College	Computer Science
Ana Espinosa-Agundis	Sophomore	Santa Barbara City College	Mechanical Engineering
Christopher Neely	Sophomore	Rio Hondo College	Biology
Raymond Oliver	Freshman	Cypress College	Physics
Bianca Ortega	Sophomore	East Los Angeles College	Biology
Sebastian Trevejo-Martinez	Junior	College of the Canyons	Biochemistry/Molecular Biology
Huy "Simon" T. Vuong	Sophomore	Pasadena City College	Mathematics/Physics

### Leidos

Salvador Alvarez	Sophomore	Portland State University	Mechanical Engineering
Maison Broadhead	Senior	University of Houston	Mechanical Engineering
Carlos Castañeda	Senior	University of Texas at San Antonio	Biomedical Engineering
Steven Diaz	Doctoral	University of South Florida	Computer Science & Engineering
Stephanie Beth Hernandez	Senior	University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez	Mechanical Engineering
Anibal Morales	Senior	Florida International University	Biomedical/Electrical Eng.
Diana Morales	Freshman	University of California, San Diego	Computer Science
Jessica Rodriguez-Nino	Freshman	Texas A&M University	Computer & Electrical Engineering
Aurelia Salazar	Freshman	Texas A&M University	Engineering
Brandon Santos	Junior	University of Houston	Mechanical Engineering

### Lockheed Martin Corporation

Bianca Alvarado	Senior	University of Texas at El Paso	Computer Science
Zenait Lopez	Junior	University of Texas at El Paso	Electrical & Computer Engineering
Manuel Losada	Junior	Florida International University	Electrical Engineering
Jazmine Madrigal	Senior	University of New Mexico	Computer Science
Angel Ocasio	Junior	University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez	Electrical Engineering
Valerie Reyes-Ortiz	Sophomore	University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez	Software Engineering
Ana Santos	Sophomore	California State University, Monterey Bay	Computer Science

### Northrop Grumman Corporation

Enrique Aviña	Freshman	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
Samantha Garcia	Junior	University of Florida	Computer Science
Alejandro Martinez-Bueno	Junior	San Diego State University	Electrical Engineering
Christian Polanco	Sophomore	University of Colorado Boulder	Electrical & Computer Engineering

### Oracle Academy

Bryce Badura	Senior	University of Notre Dame	Computer Science
Irvin Cardenas	Doctoral	Kent State University	Computer Science
Kyle Romero	Junior	University of California, Los Angeles	Computer Science

### Oracle

Rafael Hernandez	Junior	University of California, Berkeley	Computer Science
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### The Boeing Company

Isaac Aldape Torres	Senior	California State University, Los Angeles	Mechanical Engineering
Olivia Castro	Freshman	University of Texas at Dallas	Computer Science
Ana Gabrielian	Senior	University of Southern California	Aerospace Engineering
Diana Gandara	Junior	University of Texas at El Paso	Mechanical Engineering
Ruby Gomez	Masters	Arizona State University	Mechanical Engineering
Larry Medrano	Senior	Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi	Information Technology
Rosa Morales	Masters	University of Colorado Boulder	Aerospace Engineering
Andres Rodriguez	Freshman	University of Texas at Austin	Electrical Engineering
Daniel Vasquez	Junior	Florida International University	Electrical Engineering

## STEM CIVIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

### Great Minds in STEM CEO Scholarship

Roberto Ornelas	Masters	California State University, Los Angeles	Electrical Engineering
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### National Football Hall of Fame – San Gabriel Valley/Pasadena Chapter Scholarships (Sponsored by GMIS)

Michael Chase	Freshman	Brigham Young University	Computer Engineering
Jacob Hernandez	Freshman	University of California, Irvine	Computer Science

### Shell Oil Company Scholars from GMIS STEM Showdown™ Competition

Rachel Dauzat	Senior	University of New Orleans	Competition Winner
Hanan Ibrahim	Junior	University of New Orleans	Competition Winner

*Additional competition scholarships will be awarded at the GMIS STEM Showdown™, in November 2018.*

## IN MEMORIAM AND PERSONAL TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

### **Davila-Treviño Memorial Scholarships**

*(Sponsored by the David Davila and Joe Treviño Families)*

Luis Contreras	Junior	University of Houston	Biomedical Engineering
John DePaolo	Junior	University of Houston	Mechanical Engineering Technology
Natalia Ezquivel	Junior	West Texas A&M University	Computer Science & Software Engineering
Oscar Garza	Junior	University of Texas at San Antonio	Computer Engineering
Hector Guzman	Senior	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Mechanical Engineering
Lupita Herrera	Junior	University of Houston, Downtown	Biology
Dominic Lira Lopez	Senior	Texas A&M University	Aerospace Engineering
Rolando Osorio	Senior	University of Houston	Biomedical Engineering
Adrian Resa	Junior	University of Texas at Austin	Civil Engineering
Isaac Salas	Junior	University of Houston	Mechanical Engineering

### **Henry W. Brady Memorial Scholarship**

*(Sponsored by RADM Patrick Brady (Retired))*

Dora Gerardo	Masters	University of Southern California	Mechanical Engineering
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### **Latina TEAM STEAM Scholarship**

*(Sponsored by Stephanie Aceves)*

Andrea Coto	Senior	San Jose State University	Civil Engineering
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### **Leticia S. Montiel Memorial Scholarships**

*(Sponsored by Rudolf C. Montiel)*

Diego Maldonado	Sophomore	University of Texas at El Paso	Mechanical Engineering
Ericka Najera	Freshman	University of Texas at El Paso	Computer Engineering
Paulina Quiñonez	Masters	University of Texas at El Paso	Engineering

### **Ray and Carmela Mellado Family Scholarships**

*(Sponsored by Ray and Carmela Mellado)*

Julio Hernandez	Doctoral	Purdue University	Aeronautical & Astronautical Engineering
Mia Navarro	Junior	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	Chemical Engineering

### **Robert Amezcua Memorial Scholarships**

*(Sponsored by Amezcua Family)*

Amanda Acosta	Junior	University of Texas at El Paso	Mechanical Engineering
Alfonso Arreguin	Senior	University of Texas at El Paso	Electrical Engineering

**Rodriguez Family Scholarship**  
*(Sponsored by Alfredo and Leonor Rodriguez)*

Lloyd Ruiz	Masters	California State University, Los Angeles	Kinesiology
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**Villarreal Family Scholarships**  
*(Sponsored by Raul and Cecile Villarreal)*

Jessica Almendares	Freshman	University of Texas at Arlington	Biomedical Engineering
Luis Garcia	Senior	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Mechanical Engineering

**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 30th 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 GMiS, please call (323) 262-0997, visit the Great Minds in STEM™ website at [www.greatmindsinstem.org](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org), or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @GreatMindsSTEM.

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