



# GMiS CONFERENCE

## The GMiS Conference is Going Virtual!

"Every Challenge, Every Frontier" is the theme for this year's conference, and little did we know how prescient this theme would turn out to be.

After much deliberation and consultation over the unprecedented challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in regard to the health and safety of conference attendees and our team, Great Minds in STEM is excited to announce that the 2020 GMiS Conference will be 100% virtual. The conference dates will remain **the week of October 5th, 2020**.

The GMiS Conference has long been a premier venue where college students and professionals from all underserved communities can connect with the companies, government agencies and higher education institutions looking to recruit diverse technical talent. As our nation struggles with the twin plagues of racial injustice and COVID-19, this critical need for our students is more acute than ever before.

Which is why GMiS has been working behind the scenes to build an engaging virtual experience, one which sponsors, students, educators and professionals have come to expect from the GMiS conference. We will continue working with our partner organizations like CAHSI in the coming days and weeks to ensure we deliver the most dynamic, robust, and secure event possible.

The HENAAC Awards Show will continue its 31-year tradition of highlighting world-class professional excellence in STEM and will be delivered as its own virtual event during conference week. We also plan to offer exciting new programming and networking opportunities for students to connect with industry and government leaders not only during the conference schedule, but through pre- and post-conference events and opportunities as well.

The details of this digital footprint, including opportunities and pricing available to current and future sponsors, will be available **no later than July 25th, 2020**.

GMiS is excited to broaden participation with a virtual event and connect more students, universities and partners nationwide from traditionally underserved and underrepresented communities in STEM. To help deliver a successful conference, GMiS will continue to partner with the University of Central Florida and Florida International University as academic hosts.

We'd like to acknowledge Disney Parks, Experiences and Products for working with us to facilitate this difficult yet important move for 2020. We are also pleased to announce that the GMiS Conference will return to Central Florida and **Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in 2023**, after the 2021 and 2022 conferences are held in Pasadena, CA.