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Intel Foundation and NAVSEA/SSP Top Great Minds in STEM™ Class of 2015 HENAAC Scholars Sponsors

GMiS Awards Close to $400,000 in College Scholarships

Monterey Park, CA, August 24, 2015 – Now in its 27th year of promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to underserved and underrepresented communities, Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) is pleased to name the initial cohort of 107 students of the Class of 2015 HENAAC Scholars. This class of awardees represents the outstanding scholastic achievements of some of the nation’s most technically-talented students. Over 1,400 applications were received for this merit-based scholarship competition.

This year, the Intel Foundation joined the GMiS circle of scholarship sponsors by providing eight highly-competitive $10,000 scholarships to qualified graduate students. Additionally, for the 6th year, NAVSEA/SSP continued the support of incoming freshman attending a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) by sponsoring 14 $10,000 U.S. Navy STEM Scholarships, with the opportunity for students to continue receiving support through their Student Employment Program.

GMiS awards scholarships in three categories: Corporate/Federal Agency-Sponsored Scholarships; Special Recognition Scholarships; and In Memoriam and Personal Tribute Scholarships. In addition to the scholarship, GMiS subsidizes travel, registration and hotel accommodations costs for each scholar to attend the 27th HENAAC STEM Career Conference, in Pasadena, CA, from October 14 – 18, 2015, where scholars have the opportunity to engage with their sponsor.

At the conference, the scholars will be honored during the Scholars Pinning Ceremony and the Student Leadership Dinner. The Scholars Pinning Ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015, starting at 9:00 PM. The Student Leadership Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015, from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Both events will be at the Pasadena Convention Center.

If you are interested in supporting the Great Minds in STEM HENAAC Scholars Program for the 2015-16 academic year, please contact Dr. Gary Cruz at gcruz@greatmindsinstem.org.

Congratulations again to the GMiS Class of 2015 HENAAC Scholars! Following is the first announcement of this outstanding class.
### $10,000 Intel Foundation Scholarship

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<td>Neel Shah</td>
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### $10,000 U.S. Navy STEM Scholarship

(Sponsored by NAVSEA & SSP)

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<td>Cynthia Aguillon</td>
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<td>Isaac Aldape</td>
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<td>Celene Cantabrana</td>
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<td>Damian Garavito</td>
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<td>Johnathon Garcia</td>
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### CORPORATE/FEDERAL AGENCY SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Booz Allen Hamilton**
  - Frank Osorio: Junior Engineering, Hartnell College

- **Cummins, Inc.**
  - Paulina Almada: Senior, University of Texas at El Paso
  - Jose Mendez: Senior, University of Texas at El Paso
  - Juan Vargas: Senior, University of Texas at El Paso

- **Dow Chemical**
  - Antonio Jaramillo: Sophomore, University of Texas at Austin
  - Sheri Lopez: Junior, University of New Mexico
Edison International

Jessica Barrios  Masters  Civil Engineering   University of Southern California
Elizabeth Berry  Sophomore  Civil Engineering   California State University, Fresno
Alicia Esquivel  Sophomore  Civil Engineering   Loyola Marymount University
Frank Garcia  Senior  Electrical Engineering  California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Saida Gomez  Senior  Mechanical Engineering  California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Pyae Hein  Junior  Electrical Engineering  California State University, Los Angeles
Orval Hernandez-Marcial  Masters  Civil Engineering  California State University, Los Angeles
Maria Medina Alva  Senior  Industrial Engineering  California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Jeovanny Reyes  Junior  Electrical Engineering  California State University, Los Angeles
Martin Sandoval  Senior  Electrical Engineering  California State University, Los Angeles

EMC^2 Corporation

Natalie Benavidez  Junior  Electrical Engineering  California State University, Los Angeles
Mariana Garcia  Sophomore  Computer Science  California State University, Monterey Bay
Gerardo Sanchez  Senior  Computer Engineering  University of South Florida
Fernando Serna  Sophomore  Computer Science  Washington State University Tri-Cities
Mitchell Topete  Senior  Computer Science  University of California, San Diego

Lockheed Martin Corporation

Anthony Becerril  Senior  Electrical Engineering  California State University, Long Beach
Laura Carrasco  Senior  Electrical Engineering  University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Stephanie Chavez  Senior  Aerospace Engineering  California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Keysha Gonzalez  Senior  Computer Engineering  University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Angel Ramirez  Senior  Electrical Engineering  Universidad Politecnica de Puerto Rico
Karina Quintana  Senior  Electrical Engineering  Florida International University
Maribel Torres-Velazquez  Senior  Electrical Engineering  University of Puerto Rico

NASA Langley Research Center

O'Lori Weston  Freshman  Biology   Hampton University

Northrop Grumman Corporation Foundation

Francisco Garcia-Salas  Junior  Electrical Engineering  University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Evan Hernandez  Sophomore  Computer Science  University of Wisconsin - Madison
Tunji Ogiefo  Junior  Computer/Electrical Engineering  Morgan State University

Oracle

Andrea Luna  Junior  Electrical Engineering  Crafton Hills College

Rockwell Collins

Roya Edalatpour  Senior  Electrical Engineering  University of Texas at El Paso
Adrian Ramirez  Senior  Mechanical Engineering  University of Texas at El Paso
Erick Salazar  Senior  Mechanical Engineering  University of Texas at El Paso

The Boeing Company

Gabriela Bran  D. Candidate  Mechanical Engineering  University of California, Los Angeles
Diana Castro  Senior  Aerospace Engineering  California State University, Long Beach
Victor Esparza  Masters  Electrical Engineering  University of Southern California
Ivan Figueroa  Senior  Aerospace Engineering  California State University, Long Beach
Leslie Perez  Freshman  Mechanical Engineering  University of Southern California

The Chrysler Foundation

Ernesto Covarrubias  Senior  Mechanical Engineering  California State University, Los Angeles
Cynthia Garcia  Junior  Mechanical Engineering  El Paso Community College
Joseph Garcia  Senior  Mechanical Engineering  University of California, Irvine
Ana Guzman  Senior  Civil Engineering  University of Texas at El Paso
Patrick Hogan  Senior  Chemical Engineering  California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Marcelo Murcia  Senior  Mechanical Engineering  California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Alexsandra Olaya  Senior  Mechanical Engineering  Florida International University
Manuel Retana  Junior  Mechanical Engineering  University of Nevada, Reno

SPECIAL RECOGNITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Associated Administrator of Los Angeles (AALA) Scholarship
(Sponsored in part by GMiS)

Rosalia Hernandez  Freshman  Aerospace Engineering  University of California, Irvine

National Football Hall of Fame – San Gabriel Valley/Pasadena Chapter Scholarship
(Sponsored by GMiS)

Daniel Gardea  Freshman  Mechanical Engineering  California State University, Los Angeles
Brandon Lopez  Freshman  Biomedical Engineering  University of California, Irvine
David Tolmachoff  Freshman  Engineering  University of Notre Dame
Shell Oil Company Scholarship  
(GMiS STEM Showdown™)

Haishat Alli  Junior  Engineering Physics  Tulane University
Mitchell Fullerton  Sophomore  Bioinnovation  Tulane University
Nicole Krawczewicz  Senior  Engineering Physics  Tulane University
Kaito Kuroda  Senior  Math & Computer Science  Tulane University
Ciara Simmons-Pino  Senior  Civil & Environmental Eng.  Rice University
Mickyle Stanbury  Junior  Chemical Engineering  Rice University

IN MEMORIAM AND PERSONAL TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

Chevron - Ann Seki Memorial Scholarship  
(Sponsored by Chevron)

Mark Alvarez  Junior  Mechanical Engineering  California State University, Los Angeles
Alessandro Archila  Sophomore  Petroleum Engineering  University of Oklahoma
Max Hassell  Sophomore  Chemical Engineering  Rice University
Hector Hernandez  Sophomore  Petroleum Engineering  University of Oklahoma
Fernando Jacinto  Junior  Mechanical Engineering  California State University, Long Beach
Makayla Santillan  Junior  Chemical Engineering  Texas A&M University – Kingsville
Guillermo Villalobos  Junior  Mechanical Engineering  Texas A&M University

Davila-Treviño Memorial Scholarship  
(Sponsored by the David Davila and Joe Treviño Families)

Emmanuel Culebro  Junior  Electrical Engineering  University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Elia Garcia  Senior  Biology  University of Houston
Rebekah Kawas  Junior  Biology  Texas A&M International University
Jasmine Lucero  Senior  Industrial Engineering  University of Texas at Arlington
Raul Membreno  Junior  Biology  University of Texas at San Antonio
Elizabeth Moreno  Junior  Industrial Engineering  Texas Tech University
Mario Orrantia  Senior  Mechanical Engineering  University of Texas at El Paso
Juan Perez  Senior  Mechanical Engineering  University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Federico Salinas  Senior  Mechanical Engineering  University of Texas at Austin
Kevin Schnittker  Senior  Metallurgical & Materials Eng  University of Texas at El Paso

Leticia S. Montiel Memorial Scholarship  
(Sponsored by Rudy Montiel)

Sofia Martin  Senior  Civil Engineering  University of Texas at El Paso
Paloma Zamarripa  Senior  Civil Engineering  University of Texas at El Paso

Lopez-Piñeda Family Scholarship  
(Sponsored by Bayron Lopez)

Sandra Hernandez-Andrade  Junior  Industrial Technology  California State University, Los Angeles
Francisco Moxo-Galicia  Junior  Mechanical Engineering  California State University, Los Angeles

Raytheon - Jose R. Silva Memorial Scholarship  
(Sponsored by Raytheon)

Lucero Buendia  Junior  Mechanical Engineering  University of Texas at El Paso

Victoria Alegria Tracy Memorial Scholarship  
(Sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. John Tracy)

Liliana Montes De Oca  Junior  Mechanical Engineering  California State University, Los Angeles

Samantha Sotez  Senior  Mechanical Engineering  California State University, Los Angeles

Villarreal Family Scholarship  
(Sponsored by Raul Villarreal)

Alberto Beltran  Junior  Mechanical Engineering  Purdue University

Mirtha Echeverria  Junior  Mechanical Engineering  Miami Dade College

A second scholarship announcement is scheduled for September 16, 2015, in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month. The announcement will include the GMiS Community College Scholarships, the GMiS Outstanding Graduate Student Leadership Award and the GMiS Outstanding Undergraduate Student Leadership Award. Recipients of the scholarships sponsored by the Amezcu Family, Lemus Medical, Ray and Carmela Mellado, and other new sponsors will be included.

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 27th 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 contact Monica Villafana, Director of Professional Programs, at (323) 262-0997 and visit the Great Minds in STEM™ website at www.greatmindsinstem.org.

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