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**Great Minds in STEM Announces its Class of 2017 HENAAC Scholars**  
*GMiS Awards Over \$419,000 to 109 STEM College Students*

Monterey Park, CA, September 8, 2017 – Now in its 29th year of promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to underserved and underrepresented communities, Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) is pleased to name its Class of 2017 HENAAC Scholars. This year, with support from its dedicated sponsors and donors, GMiS is awarding 109 new scholarships totaling over \$419,000 to a class representing 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. GMiS awarded 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 at least \$900 in travel, registration and hotel accommodations costs for each scholar to attend the annual HENAAC Conference, where scholars have the opportunity to engage with their sponsors. The 29th HENAAC Conference will be held in Pasadena, CA, from October 18 – 22, 2017. Scholars will be honored during the HENAAC Award Winners and Scholars Pinning Reception on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 PM, and the Student Leadership Event on Saturday, October 21, at 6:00 PM. Both events will be at the Pasadena Convention Center and Civic Auditorium, respectively. Congratulations again to the GMiS Class of 2017 HENAAC Scholars!

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

Nolberto Ayala-Tellez	Senior	Computer Science	University of Texas at San Antonio
Evan Hernandez	Senior	Computer Science/Math	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Leonardo Lopez	Masters	Computer Science	California State University, Sacramento
Daniel Mejia	Doctoral	Computer Science	University of Texas at El Paso
Oliver Nina	Doctoral	Elect. & Comp. Eng.	University of Central Florida
Kristiana Rendon	Masters	Computer Science	California Polytechnic University, Pomona
Francisco Romero	Masters	Electrical Engineering	Stanford University
Brandon Tineo	Masters	Computer Science	University of Pennsylvania

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

Moises Aldape	Freshman	Mechanical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles
Roman Alva	Freshman	Industrial Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Adriel Arias	Freshman	Mechanical Engineering	University of Houston
Roy Geiger	Freshman	Computer Science	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Paola Granados	Freshman	Environmental Science	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Brandon Khamenian	Freshman	Mechanical Engineering	San Diego State University
Gabriel Marez	Freshman	Civil Engineering	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Mike Meza	Freshman	Computer Science	University of California, Irvine
Brian Ortiz	Freshman	Chemical Engineering	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Laurence Peterson	Freshman	Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso

Ethan Sena	Freshman	Mechanical Engineering	University of New Mexico
Luis Solano	Freshman	Aerospace Engineering	San Diego State University
Gissele Vazquez	Freshman	Environmental Eng.	University of California, Irvine
Lorena Velasquez	Freshman	Mechanical Engineering	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology

### CORPORATE/FEDERAL AGENCY SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS

#### Chevron

Christopher Camacho	Sophomore	Computer Engineering	Tufts University
Pascual Camacho	Junior	Civil Engineering	New Mexico State University
Carlos Gutierrez	Sophomore	Electrical Engineering	University of New Mexico
Yoana Guzman	Sophomore	Electrical Engineering	California State University, Chico
Manuel Losada	Junior	Electrical Engineering	Florida International University
Alejandro Martinez-Bueno	Sophomore	Electrical Engineering	San Diego State University
Kaitlin Miller	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	University of Houston
Mia Navarro	Sophomore	Chemical Engineering	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Andres Nunez	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	University of Houston
James Ramos	Junior	Comp. & Elect. Eng.	Rutgers University
Ana Rescala	Sophomore	Computer Engineering	University of Southern California
Carla Rivera	Sophomore	Computer Science	University of Texas at Austin
Kyle Romero	Sophomore	Computer Science	University of California, Los Angeles
Nicholas Sanchez-Jans	Sophomore	Mechanical Engineering	University of Colorado Boulder
Brandon Santos	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	University of Houston
Gabriel Valdes	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	Massachusetts Institute of Technology

#### Cummins, Inc.

Kimberly Martinez	Senior	Manufacturing Eng.	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Elizabeth Moreno	Senior	Industrial Engineering	Texas Tech University
Andres Perez-Lazaga	Senior	Mechanical Engineering	Texas Tech University

#### Dow Chemical

Amanda Acosta	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso
Jorge Gonzalez-Ruiz	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	University of California, Riverside

#### Edison International

Isaac Aldape-Torres	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles
Diego Arceo-Perergino	Freshman	Mathematics	University of Southern California
Samuel Basurto	Senior	Electrical Engineering	California State University, Long Beach
Allen Dumaua	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles
Amaly Garcia	Freshman	Applied Mathematics	University of California, Los Angeles
Stephanie Godina	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles
Raymundo Gonzalez	Senior	Mechanical Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Alexis Rios	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles
Lauren Sotéz	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Melissa Ugalde	Senior	Mechanical Engineering	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Kevin Villanueva	Freshman	Computer Science	University of California, Santa Barbara

#### Leidos

Hector Guzman	Senior	Mechanical Engineering	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Adolfo Lopez-Miranda	Freshman	Mechanical Engineering	University of California, San Diego
Daniel Ortiz	Masters	Mechanical Engineering	University of California, San Diego
Lauro Perez	Senior	Computer Science	University of Texas at San Antonio

#### Lemus Medical

Hoyt Gong	Freshman	Biochemistry	University of Pennsylvania
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#### Lockheed Martin Corporation

Claudia Alamillo	Senior	Computer Science	California State University, Channel Islands
Alfonso Arreguin	Senior	Electrical Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso
Gabriel Colon-Reyes	Senior	Electrical Engineering	University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Larissa Del Rosario	Junior	Electrical Engineering	University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Shariemar Lopez	Senior	Computer Science	University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Lilia Sanchez	Senior	Electrical Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso
Cody Silva	Senior	Electrical Engineering	University of California, Santa Barbara
Leslie Soto-Vargas	Senior	Computer Engineering	University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

#### Northrop Grumman Corporation

Antonio Ferris	Freshman	Computer Science	Stanford University
Angelik Laboy	Freshman	Computer Science	Georgia Institute of Technology
Matias Scharager	Freshman	Computer Science	Carnegie Mellon University

#### Oracle

Javier Macossay-Hernandez	Senior	Electrical Engineering	University of Southern California
Georgy Marrero	Senior	Computer Science	University of California, Berkeley

#### The Boeing Company

Juan Avila	Freshman	Electrical Engineering	California State University, Los Angeles
Jessica Caicedo	Senior	Aerospace Engineering	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Joseph Garcia	Masters	Mechanical Engineering	University of California, Irvine
Daniel Gonzalez-Diaz	Freshman	Mechanical Engineering	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Vito Laia	Masters	Electrical Engineering	University of California, Los Angeles
Nicolas Magana	Senior	Electrical Engineering	University of California, Los Angeles
Andrea Martinez	Senior	Aerospace Engineering	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Francisco Pastrana	Senior	Aerospace Engineering	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Esther Rios Lopez	Senior	Computer Engineering	University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Roberto Rosas	Senior	Mechanical Engineering	Rice University

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION SCHOLARSHIPS

### National Football Hall of Fame – San Gabriel Valley/Pasadena Chapter Scholarships (Sponsored by GMIS)

Caleb Franzen	Freshman	Biology	University of California, Santa Barbara
Alexander Garcia	Freshman	Engineering Technology	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

### Shell Oil Company Scholarships (GMIS STEM Showdown™)

Mitchell Fullerton	Masters	Bioinnovation	Tulane University
Elizabeth Holland	Sophomore	Neuroscience & Evol. Biology	Tulane University
Rachel Yang	Sophomore	Biomedical Engineering	Tulane University

Additional scholarships will be awarded at the 2017 Shell STEM Showdown™, at the University of Houston, in late September.

## IN MEMORIAM AND PERSONAL TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Victor Acosta	Junior	Civil Engineering	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Vanessa Castillo	Junior	Chemical Engineering	University of Houston
Rosario Diaz	Senior	Electrical Engineering	University of Houston
Dulce Garcia	Junior	Biological Sciences	Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi
Kazandra Guerrero	Junior	Civil Engineering	Texas A&M University
Dominic Lira-Lopez	Junior	Aerospace Engineering	Texas A&M University
Gina Moreno	Senior	Industrial Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso
Leanna Salinas	Senior	Biological Sciences	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Luis Selvera	Junior	Computer Science	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Amee Stevenson	Senior	Computer Science	University of Houston-Downtown

### Henry W. Brady Memorial Scholarship (Sponsored by RADM Patrick Brady (Retired))

Logan Davidson	Senior	Mechanical Engineering	University of Southern California
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### Ibarra & Gonzalez Scholarship (Sponsored by Ibarra and Gonzalez Families)

Arman Carrasco	Senior	Biological Sciences	Portland State University
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### Leticia S. Montiel Memorial Scholarships (Sponsored by Rudolf C. Montiel)

Gilbert Guzman	Sophomore	Mechanical Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso
Diego De Santos	Senior	Mechanical Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso

Carlos Montiel	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso
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**Ray and Carmela Mellado Family Scholarships**  
*(Sponsored by Ray and Carmela Mellado)*

Vanessa Arredondo	D. Candidate	Organic Synthesis	University of California, Irvine
Manuel Retana	Senior	Mechanical Engineering	University of Nevada, Reno

**Robert Amezcua Memorial Scholarships**  
*(Sponsored by Amezcua Family)*

Elizabeth Favela	Senior	Metallurgical and Materials Eng.	University of Texas at El Paso
Guillermo Gutierrez	Junior	Mechanical Engineering	University of Texas at El Paso

**Stephanie Aceves STEM Latinas Scholarship**  
*(Sponsored by Stephanie Aceves)*

Mariana Briones	Junior	Elect. & Comp. Eng.	University of Texas at El Paso
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**Villarreal Family Scholarships**  
*(Sponsored by Raul Villarreal)*

Laura Marquez	Freshman	Biological Sciences	University of Texas at Arlington
Dominique Velazquez	Freshman	Kinesiology	University of Texas at Arlington

If you are interested in supporting the Great Minds in STEM HENAAC Scholars Program, please contact Dr. Gary Cruz, Director of Academic Affairs and University Relations, at [gcruz@greatmindsinstem.org](mailto:gcruz@greatmindsinstem.org).

**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 29th 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 and visit the Great Minds in STEM™ website at [www.greatmindsinstem.org](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org).

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