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Great Minds in STEM Announces Inaugural Class of California Health Sciences Scholarship Recipients

Montebello, CA – Great Minds in STEM™ is proud to introduce its first class of California Health Sciences Scholarship recipients. The California Health Sciences Scholarship provides financial assistance and support for underrepresented students pursuing bachelor's degrees, in health science fields of study in the state of California.

GMiS awards these scholarships in honor of Dr. Alfonso Paredes, founder and President of Casa La Merced and Casa Paredes, which served the mental health, childcare and housing needs of the underprivileged community in East Los Angeles. Dr. Paredes believed in enabling students to achieve their dreams of improving the quality of life, especially in the areas of mental health, rehabilitative and geriatric medicine, and individuals with disabilities.

The Class of 2019 GMiS California Health Sciences Scholars are:

[Dr. Alfonso Paredes Scholarship Recipients](#)

Mary Garcia – University of California, Irvine

Guadalupe Martinez – University of California, Los Angeles

Joshua Morales – Whittier College

Eduardo Rodriguez-Jaramillo – University of Southern California

These four Scholars each received a \$1,250 scholarship for the 2019-20 academic year. The recipients were selected for their stellar academic achievements, community engagement, and interest in pursuing careers in the medical profession.

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Great Minds in STEM™ is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to keeping America technologically strong by promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers, especially in underserved communities. Established in 1989 and based in the Los Angeles area, the organization's national programming focuses on STEM educational awareness from kindergarten through college, and on recognizing and documenting the world-class contributions of Hispanic STEM professionals, who serve as role models for the next generation of American engineers and scientists.