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Great Minds in STEM Announces Class of 2020 GMiS California Health Sciences Scholars

Montebello, CA – Great Minds in STEM (GMiS) is proud to introduce its second class of California Health Sciences Scholarship recipients. The GMiS 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.

A big congratulations to the following Class of 2020 GMiS California Health Sciences Scholars:

Dr. Alfonso Paredes Scholarship Recipients

Mark Hanin - University of California, Riverside
Tracy Kwan – Rio Hondo College
Guadalupe Martinez – University of California, Los Angeles
Nathan Rivas - University of California, Los Angeles
Sundas Shaikh – University of California, Irvine

GMiS California Health Sciences Scholars each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The recipients were selected for their stellar academic achievements, community engagement, and interest in pursuing careers in the medical profession.

The GMiS California Health Sciences Scholarships is one of four scholarship types within the GMiS Scholars Program. The other three scholarships are the GMiS STEM Scholarships, California Medical Scholarships, and the Artemio G. Navarro Scholarships. **For the 2020-21 academic year, the GMiS Scholars Program awarded 133 scholarships totaling over \$319K. Since 2001, GMiS has awarded over \$5M to more than 1,700 college students.**

To learn more about the GMiS California Health Sciences Scholarships, please visit <http://www.greatmindsinstem.org/scholarships/>

About Great Minds in STEM

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

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focuses on STEM educational awareness from pre-college 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.

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