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Great Minds in STEM Awards Three Scholar-Athlete STEM Scholarships

Football players from Montebello, Mountain View, and Los Altos receive engineering scholarships

Monterey Park, CA, March 25, 2015 – Last night, Great Minds in STEM (GMiS) through the Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation recognized three outstanding scholar-athletes, with college scholarships, at the 45th Annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet, at the Pasadena Convention Center.

GMiS partners with the Pasadena/SGV Chapter to provide scholarships to graduating high school football athletes who will be pursuing studies in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) at an accredited 4-year university in the United States. GMiS Board Member Tony Ortega serves as president of the Pasadena/SGV Chapter and GMiS Chairman and Founder Ray Mellado is also a member of the Pasadena/SGV Chapter board and co-chair of the scholarship committee.

Every year student athletes attending the 72 high schools from the "Greater" Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley apply to The Pasadena/SGV Chapter Scholarship. Chapter boundaries extend west from Alhambra to Claremont in the east and from St Francis, in La Canada, in the north to as far south as Bell Gardens. Additionally, the Chapter service area includes Northeast and East Los Angeles, as well as Montebello and Whittier.

The recipients of the 2015 GMiS/National Football Foundation Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley Chapter scholarships are:

- Daniel Gardea of Montebello High School plans to attend the University of Southern California to study mechanical engineering.
- Brandon Lopez of Mountain View High School plans to attend the University of California, Berkeley and study aerospace engineering.
- David Tolmachoff of Los Altos High School plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to study engineering.

In addition to the scholarship, GMiS subsidizes over \$850 in registration, travel and hotel for each of these scholars to attend the annual HENAAC STEM Career Conference. The 27th HENAAC STEM Career Conference will be held from October 14-18, 2015, in Pasadena, CA. Scholars will be inducted into the GMiS Scholars Society during the Meet & Greet on Thursday, October 15, and recognized at the Student Leadership Dinner on Saturday, October 17.

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