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## Great Minds in STEM Announces Inaugural Class of California Medical Scholarship Recipients

**Montebello, CA** – Great Minds in STEM™ is proud to introduce its first class of California Medical Scholarship recipients. The California Medical Scholarship program provides financial assistance and support for underrepresented students pursuing medical degrees in the state of California.

GMiS awards these scholarships in honor of three outstanding individuals: Dr. James A. Lemus, Dr. Alfonso Paredes, and Mr. Artemio G. Navarro. These men believe(d) in enabling students to achieve their dreams of bettering the quality of human life, especially in the areas of mental health, rehabilitative and geriatric medicine, and individuals with disabilities.

The Class of 2019 California Medical Scholars are:

### [Dr. James A. Lemus Scholarship Recipients](#)

Shalila De Bourmont – University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine

Ivan Iñiguez – University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine

Marycon Jiro – University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine

### [Dr. Alfonso Paredes Scholarship Recipients](#)

Chijioke Akumwafo – University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine

Gloria Han – University of California, Davis School of Medicine

Cecilia Ramirez – University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine

### [Mr. Artemio G. Navarro Scholarship Recipients](#)

Kate Corry-Saavedra – University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine

Brandon Hankerson – University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine

Charnise Taylor – University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine

GMiS California Medical Scholars receive a \$5,000 scholarship. In addition to stellar academic achievements and enrollment at the medical schools of either UCLA, USC, UC Davis or UC San Francisco, applicants are expected to demonstrate coursework and/or volunteer efforts in mental health, rehabilitative and geriatric medical specialties, or with individuals with disabilities.

### [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 nationwide programming focuses on STEM educational awareness from kindergarten through college, and on seeking-out and documenting the world-class contributions of Hispanic professionals in STEM to serve as role models for the next generation of American engineers and scientists.