

Press Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Great Minds in STEM Recognizes Outstanding Excellence with Over \$185,000 in Merit-Based Scholarships

Los Angeles, CA, September 08, 2023 – Great Minds in STEM (GMiS) is pleased to announce the Class of 2023 GMiS STEM Scholars, which includes 85 outstanding recipients receiving more than \$185,000 in financial support. These scholarships are a testament to the dedication and hard work of exceptional students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievements, research, leadership, and a service commitment to their underserved communities. Over a thousand applications were received from across the country for these merit-based scholarships.

GMiS thanks the sponsors and donors, who contributed to this year's scholarship program. Their commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, helps alleviate college attendance costs for these competitive-eligible students, who represent the future STEM leaders and innovators of this country, and our empowered to continue pursuing their academic and career goals.

This year, GMiS especially recognizes the David Davila and Joe Trevino families for reaching a 10-year milestone of personal donations toward the Davila/Trevino Memorial Scholarship. Since the start of this scholarship in 2013, albeit for 2019, the families have contributed 10 scholarships at \$1,000 each to students pursuing a STEM degree at a college/university in Texas. Including the Class of 2023, they will have supported 100 STEM students totaling \$100,000 in scholarships!!

It is this type of remarkable support that demonstrates the dedication and passion for the success of traditionally underrepresented students in STEM. GMiS will celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishment of the GMiS STEM Scholars at the Scholars Pinning Ceremony on Friday, October 13 at 11:30 AM, and again at the Student Leadership Awards Show on Friday, October 13 at 7:30 PM, during the 35th Anniversary GMiS Conference scheduled for October 11-14, 2023, in Pasadena, CA. GMiS will subsidize over \$900 in travel, registration, and hotel accommodations for each scholar to attend the conference.

Since 2001, GMiS will have awarded over \$5.6M to more than 2,000 college students.

If you are interested in supporting the Great Minds in STEM Scholars Program, please contact Dr. Gary A. Cruz, Director of Academic Affairs (gcruz@greatmindsinstem.org). Information on the GMiS Scholarship Program may be accessed online at www.greatmindsinstem.org/scholarships/

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 GMiS STEM Scholars!

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CORPORATE-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS

CACI International

Carlos Higueros Foronda	Computer Science	Junior	New Jersey Institute of Technology
Fabrizio Perez	Computer Science	Senior	University of Maryland
Nicholas Rosado	Electrical Engineering	Freshman	Drexel University

Capital One

Edith Garcia	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	California State University, Long Beach
Candace Muhlhauser	Systems Engineering	Senior	Arizona State University

Chevron Corporation

Carlos Herrera	Computer Engineering	Freshman	University of California, Berkeley
Diego Moreno Espinoza	Mechanical Engineering	Freshman	University of California, Berkeley
Natael Predestin	Chemical Engineering	Sophomore	Georgia State University
Jamal Sayid	Chemical Engineering	Junior	Rice University
Antonio Tapia	Computer Science	Freshman	University of Illinois

Cummins, Inc.

Maria Basurto	Materials Engineering	Masters	University of Texas at San Antonio
Maria Enriquez Martinez	Mechanical and Aerospace Eng.	Senior	New Mexico State University
Bianca Ortega	Computer Science and Eng.	Senior	Kean University

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Marco Avendano	Chemical Engineering	Doct. Student	Georgia Institute of Technology
Carlos Barreto Gamarra	Chemical Engineering	Doct. Student	University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Amanda Cabral	Chemical Engineering	Junior	Purdue University
Andreia Fenley	Chemical Engineering	Doct. Candidate	Cornell University
Brooklyn Luckett	Chemistry	Freshman	Clark Atlanta University
Mia Martinez	Chemistry	Sophomore	Purdue University
Amy Moreno	Chemical Engineering	Doct. Candidate	New York University
Dominique Whyte	Chemical Engineering	Junior	Manhattan College

Edison International

Cuitlahuac Arenaza	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	California State University, Los Angeles
Gumaro Contreras	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	California State University, Los Angeles
Tyler Erautt	Civil Engineering	Sophomore	California State University, Fullerton
Eli Foerst	Electrical Engineering	Junior	University of California, Los Angeles
Antonio Garcia	Mechanical Engineering	Junior	Loyola Marymount University
Daniel Garcia	Engineering Technology	Senior	California State University, Los Angeles
Alvaro Guardado	Computer Science	Junior	California State University, Los Angeles

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Jorge Hernandez	Engineering Technology	Senior	California State University, Los Angeles
Huong Nguyen	Intelligence & Cyber Operations	Junior	University of Southern California
Levy Ocampo	Computer Science	Junior	California State University, Los Angeles
Sophia Palomares	Applied Mathematics	Sophomore	California State University, Los Angeles
Leslie Perez	Civil Engineering	Senior	California State University, Los Angeles
George Prescod	Chemical Engineering	Sophomore	Rio Hondo College
Cesar Rojas Rojas	Computer Engineering	Junior	California State University, Fullerton
Angel Sarango	Civil Engineering	Senior	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Veronica Sifuentes	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	California State University, Los Angeles
Bryan Yanez	Electrical Engineering	Sophomore	Rio Hondo College

Leidos

Isabella Garcia	Computer Science	Junior	University of Texas at El Paso
Carolina Gonzalez	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	California State University, Los Angeles
Daniel Morales	Electrical and Computer Eng.	Masters	University of Texas at El Paso
Folaranmi Olawepo	Computer Science	Junior	Alabama A&M University
Arian Perez Ramos	Electrical Engineering	Senior	University of Texas at El Paso
Devon Woodfine	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Northrop Grumman Corporation

Christopher Arauzo	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	University of California, Irvine
Gabriel Estrada	Electrical Engineering	Senior	California State University, Los Angeles
Noah Henderson	Computer Engineering	Freshman	North Carolina State University
Arbaz Khan	Computer Science	Senior	University of Houston Downtown
Jehan Shalabi	Electrical Engineering	Doct. Student	Purdue University

Southern California Gas Company

Alan Giglio	Bioengineering	Doct. Candidate	University of California, Riverside
Oscar Sosa Cordova	Civil Engineering	Senior	California State University, Fullerton

The Boeing Company

Paloma Arreguin	Electrical and Computer Eng.	Junior	University of Texas at Austin
Michael Colin	Mechanical Engineering	Freshman	Virginia Military Institute
Xitlali Cruz	Mechanical Engineering	Junior	Stanford University
Marx Guzman	Electrical Engineering	Junior	California State University, Long Beach
Roberto Hernandez Jr	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	Illinois Institute of Technology Alexis
Alexis Lopez	Mechanical Engineering	Doct. Student	University of Texas at El Paso
Jennifer Lugardo	Mechanical Engineering	Masters	Stanford University
Fabian Quijano	Computer Science	Senior	University of Houston-Downtown
Andrea Rivera	Aerospace Engineering	Senior	Texas A&M University

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Union Pacific Railroad

John Michael Fernandez	Computer Science	Junior	Northeastern Illinois University
Catherine Lozano	Computer Science	Junior	University of Southern California

IN MEMORIAM AND PERSONAL TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

Alejandro Davila Scholarships

(Sponsored by Alejandro Davila)

Javier Celestino	Computer Science	Senior	University of Houston-Downtown
Aaron Leyva	Computer Science	Masters	Texas A&M University - San Antonio
Christian Vicencio	Computer Science	Junior	University of Houston-Downtown

Davila/Treviño Memorial Scholarship Fund

(Sponsored by Davila and Treviño Families)

Jose Alvarado	Computer Science	Junior	University of Houston
Andrew Garcia	Computer Science	Senior	University of Houston-Downtown
Yoseline Garcia	Biology	Junior	University of Texas at Austin
Laura Henriquez	Biology	Senior	University of Houston-Downtown
Enrique Loredo	Chemical Engineering	Junior	University of Texas at Austin
Rogelio Mendoza	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	University of Texas at Austin
Jayleen Montano	Structural Analysis Design Eng.	Junior	University of Houston-Downtown
Mateo Renaud	Mechanical Engineering	Junior	University of Texas at Austin
Gustavo Rubio	Computer Science	Senior	University of Texas at El Paso

DiCarlo Family Scholarship

(Sponsored by David DiCarlo)

Diana Morales	Electrical Engineering	Senior	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
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Henry W. Brady Memorial Scholarship

(Sponsored by RADM Patrick Brady (Retired))

Ramon Padin-Monroig	Materials Science and Eng.	Doct. Student	University of Florida
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Maria Ofelia Parra Amaro Scholarships for Women Engineers

(Sponsored by Marco Bolanos)

Ana Contreras	Civil Engineering	Senior	Georgia Institute of Technology
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Rui and Larissa Cruz Family Scholarships

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Nelly Silva Segura
Jennifer Turrubiantes

Chemical Engineering
Chemical Engineering

Sophomore
Sophomore

Lone Star College
Lone Star College

The GMiS STEM Scholarships is one of four scholarships within the GMiS Scholars Program. The other three scholarships include:

The **California Medical Scholarships** provides financial assistance and support for underrepresented STEM students pursuing medical degrees at four California medical schools: University of California, Davis; University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, San Francisco; and the University of Southern California. GMiS awards up to ten scholarships, each valued at \$5,000, to medical students pursuing specialization in mental health, rehabilitative and geriatric medicine, and individuals with disabilities.

The **California Health Scholarships** provide support to underrepresented undergraduate students pursuing full-time studies in a health-related field of study at any institution in California. GMiS awards up to five scholarships each valued at \$1,000.

The **Artemio G. Navarro Scholarships** awards up to \$2,000 scholarships to high school graduates from the Bishop Mora Salesian High School, which is in the Boyle Heights community of East Los Angeles, CA. The Navarro Scholars enroll in STEM fields of study at various 4-year universities as incoming freshmen the fall semester after their high school graduation.

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, the organization's national programming 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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