

# Press Release

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## Great Minds in STEM Awards Over \$200,000 in Merit-Based Scholarships

**Los Angeles, CA** – Great Minds in STEM (GMiS) is pleased to announce its first round of Class of 2021 GMiS STEM Scholars, which includes 89 outstanding recipients receiving more than \$200,000 in financial support! Despite COVID-19, hundreds of applications from across the nation were received for this merit-based scholarship program, which recognizes excellence in academics, community service and leadership.

This year, scholars will be honored virtually during the 2021 GMiS Conference at the Scholars Reception, on Thursday, October 14, and the Student Leadership Awards Show on Thursday, October 21.

### CORPORATE/FEDERAL AGENCY SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS

#### Chevron Corporation

Angel Alessandro Caoile	Electrical Engineering	Freshman	Arizona State University
Victoria Diaz	Chemical Engineering	Senior	California State University, Long Beach
Giovanni Ferioli	Computer Engineering	Senior	University of Florida
Casey Freeman	Chemical Engineering	Senior	University of Houston
Guillermo Gonzalez	Mechanical Engineering	Freshman	University of California, Berkeley
Marcos Ibarra Montoya	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	University of Houston
Kayla Lee	Chemical Engineering	Freshman	Colorado School of Mines
Gabriel Lopez Lugo	Computer Engineering	Senior	Georgia Institute of Technology
Brendon Mak	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	University of Texas at Austin
Mariella Alejandra Massuh	Computer Science	Senior	Florida International University
Kaylin Moss	Computer Science	Senior	Marist College
Nayeli Ontiveros	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	University of Texas at El Paso
Carlos Pacheco	Mechanical Engineering	Freshman	Georgia Institute of Technology
Glorian Serrano	Computer Engineering	Sophomore	University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez
Andres Tapia	Computer Science	Senior	University of Illinois Chicago
Daniel Velazquez	Chemical Engineering	Junior	University of Houston

#### Corteva AgriScience

Nicole Colon	Plant Pathology	D. Candidate	University of Arizona
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#### Cummins, Inc.

Amir Gomez-Perez	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez
Abraham Morales	Computer Science	Sophomore	Georgia Institute of Technology
Izcan Ordaz	Mechanical Engineering	Sophomore	University of Texas at Austin

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## Dow Chemical

Francheska M. Colón Gonzalez	Chemistry of Materials	Doct. Student	University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez
Tabatha de la Rosa Gomez	Chemical Engineering	Junior	University of Washington
Maria Flores	Chemistry	Doct. Student	University of California, Irvine
Lupita Herrera	Chemical Engineering	Senior	University of Houston
Isabella Lerer	Chemical Engineering	Senior	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Jasmin Lopez	Chemical Engineering	Senior	Georgia Institute of Technology
Aaron Perez	Chemical Engineering	Masters	University of Houston
Jose Zamora Zeledon	Chemical Engineering	D. Candidate	Stanford University

## Edison International

Moises Aldape	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	California State University, Los Angeles
Juan Banchs	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	University of California, Los Angeles
Mark Camarena	Electrical Engineering	Senior	University of Southern California
Selvin Garcia	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	University of California, Irvine
Valentina Gaxiola	Environmental Engineering	Freshman	University of Southern California
Fatima Larios	Mathematics	Sophomore	University of California, Los Angeles
David Lorenzana	Mechanical Engineering	Sophomore	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Selina Martinez	Electrical & Computer Eng.	Sophomore	University of Southern California
Claudia Pineda	Electrical Mechanical Eng.	Senior	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Johanna Reyes	Civil Engineering	Freshman	University of Southern California
Mario Saucedo	Industrial Design	Freshman	California State University, Long Beach
Veronica Sifuentes	Mechanical Engineering	Sophomore	California State University, Los Angeles
Zoe Smith	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	California State University, Long Beach
Eric Tavarez	Civil Engineering	Senior	University of California, Irvine
William Welch	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	University of California, Los Angeles
Yasmin Zakher	Civil Engineering	Senior	University of Southern California
Andres Zazueta	Civil Engineering	Senior	University of Southern California

## Leidos

Randy Blanco	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	The Pennsylvania State University
Paul Lepe	Computer Engineering	Senior	University of Southern California
Ashley Perez	Computer Science	Senior	University of Southern California
Ximena Ramirez	Mechanical Engineering	Freshman	University of California, Berkeley
Moises Trejo	Computer Science	Masters	Massachusetts Institute of Technology

## Lockheed Martin Corporation

Isabel Gallegos	Computer Science	Senior	Stanford University
Christin Lin	Electrical & Computer Eng.	Senior	University of Washington

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Elena Martinez	Computer Science	Senior	Loyola Marymount University
Jaime Martinez	Computer Science	Senior	University of Texas at El Paso
Sean Ramirez	Computer Engineering	Junior	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Sidney Matthew Roman	Computer Science	Senior	Columbia University
Nicholas Valdes	Computer Engineering	Senior	Texas Tech University

## Northrop Grumman Corporation

Alessandro Acevedo	Aerospace Engineering	Junior	University of Texas at Austin
Joaquin Gomez	Mechanical Engineering	Sophomore	California Institute of Technology
Glendi Gracien	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	University of Central Florida
Sarah Terracina	Aerospace Engineering	Junior	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Alexander Torres-Soto	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

## The Boeing Company

Elizabeth De La Rosa	Aerospace Engineering	Freshman	Texas A&M University
Dania Duran	Electrical Engineering	Senior	University of Southern California
Robin Fintz	Computer Science	Junior	University of Florida
Alexis Lopez	Mechanical Engineering	Masters	University of Texas at El Paso
Brandon Nguyen	Computer Science & Eng.	Junior	University of California, Irvine

## Triumph Group Inc.

Jennifer Lugardo	Mechanical Engineering	Senior	Stanford University
Emmanuel Valencia-Ruiz	Electrical Engineering	Senior	California State University, Los Angeles

## STEM CIVIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

### National Football Hall of Fame – San Gabriel Valley/Pasadena Chapter Scholarships (Sponsored by GMiS)

Andre Maldonado	Engineering, General	Freshman	University of LaVerne
Nickolas Salgado	Computer Science	Freshman	University of California, Merced

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## IN MEMORIAM AND PERSONAL TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

### Davila/Treviño Memorial Scholarships

*(Sponsored by Davila and Treviño Families)*

Bryan Acosta	Aerospace Engineering	Junior	University of Texas at Austin
Lorelyne Chavez	Computer Science	Junior	University of Texas at El Paso
William Gracia	Electrical Engineering	Senior	Texas A&M University Kingsville
Isaac Hernandez	Biology	Sophomore	University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley
Emha Hinojosa	Biology	Junior	University of Texas at Austin
Carlos Huerta-Enciso	Computer Science	Senior	University of Houston - Downtown
Oscar Leon	Civil Engineering	Senior	University of Houston
Christopher Lopez	Mechanical Engineering	Junior	University of Texas at Austin
Ana Saenz	Civil Engineering	Senior	University of Texas at El Paso
Abeny Trevino	Biology	Senior	University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley

### GMiS Founders' Scholarships

Monica Campos	Mechanical Engineering	Junior	Georgia Institute of Technology
Michael Dominguez	Computer Engineering	Junior	California State University, Long Beach
Jael Lopez-Saucedo	Physics	Senior	University of California, Berkeley
Alexis Renteria	Civil Engineering	Senior	University of Texas at San Antonio
Jacqueline Villalobos	Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior	Junior	University of California Davis

### Henry W. Brady Memorial Scholarship

*(Sponsored by RADM Patrick Brady (Retired))*

Juan Gonzalez	Plant Genetics	D. Candidate	University of Florida
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### Rui and Larissa Cruz Family Scholarship

Marco Avendano	Chemical Engineering	Doct. Student	Georgia Institute of Technology
Elizabeth DeFazio	Chemical Engineering	Senior	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

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

The **California Medical Scholarships**, which provide 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. **Applications are due November 30, 2021.**

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The **California Health Scholarships**, which 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**, in May 2021, awarded \$2,000 scholarships to 15 high school graduates from Bishop Mora Salesian High School, located in the Boyle Heights community of East Los Angeles, CA. The Navarro Scholars are enrolled in STEM programs at 4-year universities across the country this Fall semester.

**This year, the GMiS Scholarship Program will award upwards of 119 scholarships totaling over \$285K. Since 2001, GMiS will have awarded over \$5.2M to more than 1,800 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/](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 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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