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Great Minds in STEM Announces 2022 STEM Heroes Honorees

Los Angeles, CA – Great Minds in STEM is honored to announce the 2022 award winners from our nation’s military and civilian agencies. For over three decades, Great Minds in STEM has showcased our nation’s most talented Hispanic STEM professionals within military branches, civilian agencies, research laboratories and technical commands that fall under the direction of either the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security.

STEM Hero Award recipients have been selected this year, and they are part of the entire Class of 2022 GMiS Honorees. Great Minds in STEM is proud to once again profile and showcase civilian and uniformed military personnel in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. All award winners will be honored at the 34th Annual GMiS Conference taking place October 5-8, 2022, in Pasadena, California. Congratulations to all of this year’s honorees.

2022 STEM Military Heroes



STEM Hero
Dr. Reginald S. Bourgeois
Supervisory General Biologist
Scientist Albuquerque District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



STEM Hero
Francisco Castañeda
Air Quality Subject Matter
Expert
U.S. Air Force



STEM Hero
David Guadalupe
Chief Test Engineering, Joint
Surveillance Target Attack Radar
System
U.S. Air Force



Military STEM Hero
Major Ruben I. Ihuit
Chief, Military Global
Positioning System User
Equipment Engineering
Branch Chief, Global
Positioning Systems Security
Certification Branch Space
Systems Command
U.S. Space Force



Military STEM Hero
**Capt. Sergio A.
Martinez**
Deputy Chief
PNT Test & Evaluation Branch
Space Systems Command
U.S. Space Force



Military STEM Hero
Margarita Ordaz
Research Civil Engineer
(Geotechnical)
U.S. Army Engineer
Research & Development
Center
U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers

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Military STEM Hero
Capt. Jaymayson Shelton
Flight Commander, Weather
Training
U.S. Air Force



STEM Hero
**Clara Villarreal
Varner**
Deputy Chief Scientist
Advanced Science and
Technology Directorate
National Reconnaissance
Office



STEM Hero
Eva B. Velez P.E.
Chief Ecosystem Branch/Program Manager
Jacksonville District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

About the Organization

Great Minds in STEM™ is a 501(c)3 a 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 nation-wide programming focuses on STEM educational awareness from pre-college 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. The GMiS Conference is the organization's flagship event where all elements of outreach and programming come together to celebrate excellence in STEM. The conference features executive forums, seminars, competitive programs, career opportunities and networking sessions and is attended by over 3,000 STEM students and professionals annually.

Great Minds in STEM is once again partnering with the Computing Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institutions (CAHSI), in 2022.

For more information about Great Minds in STEM and the 2022 GMiS Conference, October 5-8, 2022, in Pasadena, CA, please visit us online at:

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