



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Great Minds in STEM Announces Four New Board Members

Los Angeles, August 1, 2023 – Great Minds in STEM (GMiS) is proud to announce recent changes in our Board of Directors. Four new board members have been on-boarded in 2022 and 2023, and we're excited to formally introduce them now.

JOSE CASTELLÓN, JR. - Northrop Grumman

Mr. José Castellón joined the Board of Directors in the Fall of 2022. He is the Director of Engineering Technical Development for Northrop Grumman's Aeronautics Sector with over 40 years of technical and management experience. He received his master's degree in electrical engineering from Stanford University and his bachelor's degree from California State University, Northridge. Mr. Castellón is an avid community leader associated with the José Valdés Math Foundation, the CSU Northridge College of Engineering and Computer Science, and the Stanford University Aero/Astro Department. He has championed and developed STEM outreach programs that have touched thousands of K-12 students. He is a past HENAAC Award winner in Professional and Lifetime Achievement.

MARVI MATOS RODRIGUEZ, PH.D. – The Boeing Company

Dr. Marvi Matos Rodriguez joined the Board of Directors in Fall 2022. Dr. Matos Rodriguez is Director of Engineering, responsible for the creation of the Design Practices infrastructure, at the Boeing Company. She received her PhD in Chemical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and is a past HENAAC Award Winner as Most Promising Engineer in 2015. Dr. Matos Rodriguez has numerous publications and patents, and volunteers as OSTEM Executive Sponsor for the Boeing Company, as Thought Leader - Global Marathon for Women in Engineering, as Coordinator and Volunteer for people in Puerto Rico after hurricane Maria, and has been an Invited Blogger – Borinquena and Huffington Post . Dr. Matos Rodriguez was recently named to the National Science Board by the President of the United States.

KIMBERLY R. KUKURBA, PH.D. – RAYTHEON, AN RTX BUSINESS

Dr. Kim Kukurba joined the Board of Directors in March 2023. Dr. Kukurba is Fellow & Lead for Analytics & Automation at Raytheon, an RTX Business. She has a PhD in Genetics (Bioinformatics focus) and a Master's Degree in medicine from Stanford University and she has published and presented numerous articles on human genetics. Dr. Kukurba is a scholarship applicant reviewer for the National Science Foundation; she is a mentor for the University of Arizona Women in Science & Engineering Program and she tutors mathematics in underrepresented communities. In October 2022, Kim was selected for a HENAAC Award as the 2022 Scientist of the Year.

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MARK TOY, P.E., D.WRE

Mr. Mark Toy joined the Board of Directors in March 2023. Mr. Toy is currently the General Manager for the Yorba Linda Water District responsible for delivering water and sewer service for the City of Yorba Linda, portions of Placentia, Brea, Anaheim and areas of unincorporated Orange County. Mark is a West Point graduate and has a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering (Environmental Engineering) from UCLA, an MBA from Boston University and a Master's Degree in Natural Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. In 2022, Mark retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a Major General (2-Star) after 35 years of dedicated service to the Nation. Mark Toy received the 2021 Chairman's Award at the HENAAC Awards show.

About Great Minds in STEM (GMiS): Great Minds in STEM is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping America technologically strong by promoting STEM education and careers, with a special emphasis on underserved communities. Founded in 1989, GMiS has been at the forefront of efforts to increase diversity and inclusion in STEM fields. Through its various programs and initiatives, GMiS has inspired countless students, provided scholarships, and facilitated connections between students and industry leaders.

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Note to editors: High-resolution photos of the GMiS logo are available upon request.

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