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Introducing the Class of 2024 HENAAC Award Winners



ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

Clara Rivero Baleine, Ph.D.

Lockheed Martin Fellow
Lockheed Martin Corporation

EXECUTIVE EXCELLENCE

Francisco Flores

Vice President, Production
Engineering & Operations
Northrop Grumman Corporation

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

**SHPE - The Society of Hispanic
Professional Engineers**

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT II

Jorge Lopez, Ph.D.

Manager, Subsurface Technology &
Senior Principal Geophysicist
Shell Brasil

MOST PROMISING ENGINEER, PH.D.

Claudia Moreno Chicunque, Ph.D.

Senior Principal Engineer
Guidance, Navigation, and Control
Northrop Grumman Corporation

MOST PROMISING ENGINEER, UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

Karina Quintana

System Engineer
Digital Communications and RF Payload
The Boeing Company



OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT

Katherine I. Meza, Ph.D.

Associate Technical Fellow
Configuration Management
and Product Integration Engineer
The Boeing Company

SANTIAGO RODRIGUEZ DIVERSITY AWARD

Maria C. Lopez Coles

Deputy Executive Director
Ames Exchange
NASA Ames Research Center

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT I

Maria Cardwell

Senior Director, Vehicle Engineering
Formerly of
Northrop Grumman Corporation

MOST PROMISING SCIENTIST, PH.D.

Mauricio Tano-Retamales, Ph.D.

Modeling and Simulation Scientist
Idaho National Laboratory



SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR

Rui Vogt Alves da Cruz, Ph.D.

Vice President, Core R&D
Dow

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Tabare Abadie, Ph.D.

Senior Research Manager and
Distinguished Laureate, Seed Product
Development Recruiting Lead
Corteva Agriscience

PIONEER AWARD

Anna Mellado Park

CEO
Mellado-Castañeda Family Office

ENTREPRENEUR

Will Gaviria Rojas, Ph.D.

Co-Founder
Coactive AI

MOST PROMISING ENGINEER, MASTER'S DEGREE

Monica Ochoa Porter

Human Engineering Lead, Flight Crew
Integration, CST-100 Starliner
The Boeing Company

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Marjorie Blanco

Engineering Product Lifecycle Manager
The Boeing Company