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HENAAC'S 2009 LUMINARY HONOREES ANNOUNCED

HENAAC is proud to announce the 6th Annual Luminary Honorees. This year's Luminaries represent top professionals in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Each honoree is recognized for his/her contributions to the Hispanic technical community as a leader and role model. This year, we are happy to present the 2009 Luminary class with 29 extraordinary Hispanic engineers and scientists from corporate, government, and military sectors. Luminaries will be honored at two separate events. Military recipients will be honored on Thursday, October 8th, 2009 and Corporate and Government recipients will be honored Friday, October 9th, 2009 at the HENAAC Conference which will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, CA.

Luminaries-Military

Lt. Comdr. Steven Cesar Acosta

Executive Officer, Civil Engineering Unit Honolulu
U.S. Coast Guard

Angel De La Rosa

Business Operations Program Manager
Southwestern Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Michael Dominic Gallegos

Chief, Infrastructure Management Branch
U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory

Capt. Christine Palomo Navarro

Squadron Flight Safety Officer
U.S. Air Force

Elmer L. Roman

Regional Director
Office of Naval Research Global-Americas
U.S. Navy

Lt. Col. Karen M. Castillo

Deputy Director, Contracting, Human Resources &
Corporate Development Officer
U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory

Jocelyn Feliciano-Rivera

Civil/Geotechnical Engineer
Nashville District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Ariel F. Garcia

Manager, Underwater Branch
NAVSEA

Lillian Rodriguez

Computer Engineer
Combat Support Systems Engineering Branch
NAVSEA

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Luminaries-Corporate & Government

Edward R. Avila, Ph.D.

Capture Manager
Information Systems & Global Services
Defense/Space Launch Command and Control
Lockheed Martin

Hector E. Cavazos

Diversity Coordinator
MidContinent/Alaska Business Unit- Human Resources
Chevron

Ruben Del Rosario, Ph.D.

Project Manager (Acting), Subsonic Fixed Wing
NASA-Glenn Research Center

Sol L. Fontanes, P.E.

Industrial Engineering Project Manager
Walt Disney World

Ana Ondina Martinez

Director of Sales
General Business, Northern Mid Atlantic
IBM Corporation

Lucio Pasillas

Lead Systems Engineer
Force Protection Systems
ITT Corporation

Ana Luisa Ramirez

IMINT Lead Systems Engineer
C415R Systems Engineering
Northrop Grumman Corporation

Rafael Luis Rodriguez, P.E.

Project Manager,
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Erika I. Sanchez

Enterprise Auditor
Engineering, Operations & Technology
The Boeing Company

Freddy Severino

Project Engineer II,
Collider-Accelerator Department
Brookhaven National Laboratory

Juan J. Castaneda, P.E.

Senior Electrical Engineer
Southern California Edison

William Charles Davis

Materials and Processes Quality Engineer
NASA-Johnson Space Center

Robert Fernandez

Mechanical Engineer II
SATCOM Technologies
General Dynamics

Sandra Guerrero

Planner 2, Power Systems
Southern California Edison

Eddy J. Milanés

Engineer, Member Technical Staff
Electronic Systems
ITT Corporation

Valerie A. Perez

Payloads Design Engineer – Lead
Payloads and Structures Engineer
The Boeing Company

Irene Roberts

Program Director,
Independent Software Vendor and
Developer Relations, Software and Platforms
IBM Corporation

Inmaculada (Conchita) Romero

Houston IT Manager
Texas Instruments

Rosa M. Sandoval

Electrical System Responsible Engineer
Northrop Grumman Corporation

Ismael Villarreal

Director of Operations
Cardinal Health