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Roosevelt High School Students Selected to Receive STEM College Scholarships

Los Angeles, CA – Great Minds in STEM™ is proud to announce that two Roosevelt High School students, Alejandra Leon and Karen Hernandez-Cazares were selected to each receive a \$2,000 scholarship toward their college education in recognition of exceptional academic and extracurricular accomplishments. The scholarships were awarded by the Los Angeles Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) under the leadership of Colonel Thomas H. Magness, District Commander, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District office who serves as the SAME President.

A unique element that Great Minds in STEM™ brings to the management of STEM Up™ is a network of STEM educational resources which connect to the Boyle Heights community. STEM-Up™ was able to link local students with enrichment and scholarship opportunities. These resources are exactly what young people from underserved and underrepresented communities need to advance their educational goals. STEM-Up™ is working diligently within Boyle Heights to create many of these opportunities for students.

Through these efforts, Roosevelt High School is one of eighteen schools that forms part of the STEM-Up™ Initiative that is supporting students in reaching their STEM potential and preparing them for a college and career pathway in STEM.

STEM-Up™ is proud of these recipients and congratulates Alejandra and Karen for such an accomplishment.

About the STEM-Up™ Initiative: **STEM-Up™** is a first of its kind initiative that will bring Science, Technology, Engineering and Math college and career pathways to light through comprehensive strategies that integrate STEM into schools and underserved communities. This Great Minds in STEM initiative is funded through a contract from the Department of Defense as administered by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District office.

About SAME: **SAME** is a nonprofit professional engineer association, headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia. The Los Angeles Post is one of some 149 posts (chapters) located throughout the United States and overseas. SAME was founded in 1920 to engage military and federal government engineers with those in private life for the purpose of improving the engineering potential of the United States.

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