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## **HENAAC 2006 WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

HENAAC's Board of Directors and TECHNICA™ Magazine proudly announce the 2006 HENAAC Award Winners. Winners in each category represent the nation's best and brightest engineers and scientists. They were selected by the HENAAC Selection Committee, an independent group of representatives from industry, government, military and academia. The Selection Committee convened in Anaheim, CA on July 11, 2006, and was chaired by Kuei-wu Tsai, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology at the California State University, Los Angeles, HENAAC's 2006 Academic Host. The winners will be honored at the HENAAC Awards Show on October 6, 2006, and throughout other events in Anaheim, CA during the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual HENAAC Conference, October 5 – 7, 2006.

### **Hispanic Engineer of the Year**

John J. Tracy, Ph.D.  
Vice President, Engineering  
Integrated Defense Systems  
The Boeing Company

#### **Executive Excellence**

Christopher M. Hernandez  
Sector VP, Corporate Strategy Project  
Northrop Grumman

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Thomas G. Searle  
President, Water Business Group  
CH2M Hill

#### **Chairman's Award**

Juan R. Luciano  
Vice President, Olefins, Aromatics &  
Aromatic Derivatives  
The Dow Chemical Company

#### **Executive Excellence Information Technology Distinction**

Maria C. Villar  
Vice President, Enterprise Business  
Information Center of Excellence  
IBM Corporation

# HENAAC 2006 WINNERS (continued)

## Outstanding Technical Achievement

### *Government*

Wilfredo Morales, Ph.D.  
Senior Materials Research Engineer  
NASA Glenn Research Center

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### *National Laboratories*

Rex E. Gerald, II, Ph.D.  
Chemical Physicist/Inventor,  
Electrochemistry NMR  
Argonne National Laboratory

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### *Industry*

Kenneth M. Butler, Ph.D.  
TI Fellow  
Silicon Technology Development  
Texas Instruments

## Professional Achievement

Cruz Delia Contreras  
Production Leader, Chlorinated  
Polyethylene Plant  
The Dow Chemical Company

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Frances M. Quinones  
Deputy Program Manager, FCS Level 1  
Fusion  
Lockheed Martin

## Lifetime Achievement

Victor E. Saucedo  
Senior Manager, F-117 Engineering  
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company

## Military - Professional Achievement

Captain Andrew M. Hale  
Commanding Officer, USS OHIO  
U.S. Navy

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Captain Joseph R. Castillo  
Chief of Staff, Ninth Coast Guard District  
U.S. Coast Guard

## Civil Engineering Distinction

### *Industry*

R. Fernando Pasquel, CPM  
Vice President, Water Resources  
Engineering Manager  
Michael Baker Jr., Inc

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### *Government*

Nelson R. Sanchez  
Chief, Coastal Management Branch  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

# HENAAC 2006 WINNERS (continued)

## Most Promising Engineer

*Advanced Degree*

Rafael V. Davalos, Ph.D.  
Senior Member of Technical Staff  
Sandia National Laboratories

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Neiyer S. Correal, Ph.D.  
Principal Staff Engineer  
Manager, Signals & Systems Group  
Motorola

## Most Promising Engineer

*Undergraduate Degree*

Ricardo Carlos  
Software Engineer  
IBM Corporation

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Gabriel Presas  
Product/Test Engineer II  
Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.

## Community Service

Ramon Coronel  
Six Sigma Black Belt  
Northrop Grumman

## Santiago Rodriguez Diversity Award

Aida Sabo  
Director - Corporate Diversity  
EMC

## Education

*University*

Jose L. Zayas-Castro, Ph.D.  
Professor and Chair  
College of Engineering, Industrial &  
Management Systems Engineering  
University of South Florida

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*High School*

John P. Santos  
Lead Teacher ISTA  
Manual Arts High School

**Mission Statement:** To enlighten our nation about the achievements of Hispanics in engineering, science, technology, and math; to motivate and educate more students to pursue careers in these fields; to increase the role the Hispanic community plays in maintaining America's status as the world's technology leader.

For more information about the 2006 HENAAC Winners or the HENAAC Conference, please call our office at (323) 262-0997, or visit our web site at [www.henaac.org](http://www.henaac.org).

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