

January 9, 2012

Dear GCC Student,

**Glendale Community College** is pleased to invite you to participate in a new and exciting Federally funded grant: **HSI-STEM** (Hispanic Serving Institution/Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) project supported by the U.S. Department of Education.

The primary objectives of the grant are: (1) to increase the number of Hispanic and low-income students who successfully transfer from Glendale Community College and College of the Canyons to California State University, Northridge to pursue majors in Engineering and/or Computer Science; (2) to increase the number of Hispanic and low-income students who graduate from CSU Northridge with degrees from CECS undergraduate programs.

Those who plan to major in STEM related fields at GCC are eligible and must be an individual who has faced or currently faces social, cultural, educational or economic barriers to careers in STEM, and be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident. Our first cohort will be selected in January 2012 in order to prepare to begin in the Spring 2012 semester. A cohort orientation will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 10am in room San Fernando (SF) 108.

Selected HSI-STEM students will have the opportunity to work closely with GCC & CSUN faculty mentors, participate in FREE tutoring sessions, and receive periodic ongoing academic and career counseling connecting you to your future STEM career. Participants will be expected to demonstrate academic progress by enrolling in a minimum of 12 units during each semester of attendance at GCC leading to CSUN transfer in STEM. All courses must be passed with a grade of C or better, including the previous fall 2011 semester at GCC.

Students who satisfy the requirements will be awarded an annual stipend of \$ 1,200 /student (limited to two years maximum at GCC). Once you transfer to CSUN, you will receive an increased annual stipend of \$2,400 contingent upon satisfactory academic progress. You will also have the opportunity to participate in internships, participate in high school outreach and engaging in mentoring high school STEM students, and participate in research projects while at CSUN. However, to maintain good standing in this program, your academic performance will be monitored at the end of each semester (in January for the fall semester, and in June for the spring semester) and pending successful completion of requirements, the annual stipend will be awarded in two equal installments in accordance with university procedures.

**We encourage you to take advantage of this extraordinary, rare and exciting opportunity today. For an application, please contact Dr. Richard Cortes, STEM counselor, at (818) 240-1000 ext. 5445 or email him at [rcortes@glendale.edu](mailto:rcortes@glendale.edu) THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 18, 2012, BEFORE 4PM.**



Sincerely,

Richard D. Cortes, Ph.D.,  
AIMS<sup>2</sup>/HSI-STEM Counselor

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**HSI-STEM** is a collaborative project led by the College of Engineering (Civil Engineering & Applied Mechanics, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Manufacturing Systems Engineering & Management, Mechanical Engineering) and the College of Computer Science (CECS) at California State University, Northridge, in partnership with Glendale Community College (GCC).