



Charity Navigator Awards The National GEM Consortium Highest Ranking

Graduate Education for Minorities (GEM) Earns Four Stars from Leading Nonprofit Evaluator

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, USA, January 26, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Charity Navigator](#), the country's leading online charity evaluation service, has announced that The National [GEM](#) Consortium ("GEM"), has received its highest honor: a four-star ranking, and a rating of 90.58 out of 100. The Graduate Education for Minorities Consortium received the highest ranking in the cohort of nonprofit organizations performing similar work.

The Charity Navigator evaluation is robust and in-depth. It examines a charity's comprehensive Financial Health (e.g., assessing how a charity manages its daily finances and how financially well-positioned it is to sustain its programs long term). It also examines the nonprofit organization from an Accountability & Transparency dimension (e.g., tracking metrics such as whether the charity uses an objective process to determine the CEO's salary, whether it has an effective governance structure, and whether it has a whistleblower policy)."

"We're thankful for this honor from Charity Navigator," said GEM CEO Brennon Marcano. "It affirms our mission, which is to provide not just full-tuition STEM Fellowships at the graduate level for exceptional scholars from underrepresented groups – but also to provide paid internships and high-level, full-time jobs at organizations within our consortium: such as leading tech companies (like Adobe and IBM) and government research labs like Lawrence Livermore (where GEM Fellows work on important projects pertaining to national security)."

Marcano continued, "The ranking also affirms to the organizations in our consortium, such as SpaceX and Amazon, that their money is being well spent. As we look at the impending White House budget cuts to both STEM education and NASA's education initiatives, an organization like GEM becomes even more critical. Recently, there was a movie about the Black women mathematicians and engineers who were instrumental to the successful Apollo 11 mission. That movie, *Hidden Figures*, was really story of the GEM Fellows, because over the years we have place myriad STEM professionals at leading IT companies and government research labs. In fact, over the last 40 years, we have placed more than 4,000 outstanding GEM Fellow in tech, academia and the executive ranks."

"For example," Marcano said, "Ursula Burns, the former Xerox CEO (who was recently appointed to Uber's board) is a GEM fellow, two of the four female engineering school deans are GEM Fellows, Yale's first tenured African-American Engineering school professor (who was appointed in 2017) is also GEM Fellow. And Ms. P. W. Valerino, a Native American and NASA senior scientist (who was recently honored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts) is also a GEM Fellow; and I'm happy to say, she, like so many other GEM Fellows, are no longer hidden figures. We are delighted and grateful for the high ranking that Charity Navigator has awarded us. It underscores our mission of producing the best and the brightest STEM Fellows for our nation."

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