

## **MAES ANNOUNCES KEYNOTE SPEAKERS FOR INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM & CAREER FAIR 2006**

**Houston, Texas** (October 11, 2006) The Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists, Inc., (MAES) is proud to announce four keynote speakers for the society's 32nd Annual International Symposium & Career Fair (IS&CF) in Houston, Texas from October 19-21, 2006. These keynote speakers each represent a specific sector of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics professions including the private sector, public sector, academe, and armed services.

Robert Cabana, a veteran of four space flights, is a retired Colonel from the US Marine Corps and currently serves as Deputy Center Director at NASA Johnson Space Center. He will speak during the Medalla de Oro Gala Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Houston on Friday, October 20, 2006, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Colonel Joseph Mudd is the Chief of Staff for the US Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC). He has served in this role since August of 2006. He will speak during the Scholars Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Houston on Friday, October 20, 2006, from 12:15 PM to 1:45 PM.

Eduardo Nunez is the General Manager of Global Procurement Operations at ExxonMobil. During his 27 years with ExxonMobil he has held positions in Argentina, Belgium, Japan, and the United States. He will speak during the Salute to Industry Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Houston on Thursday, October 19, 2006, from 12:15 PM to 1:45 PM.

Dr. Tatcho Mindiola, Jr., is Director of the Center for Mexican American Studies at The University of Houston. His research, publications, and teachings are in race relations, political sociology, and demography with particular emphasis on Mexican Americans. He will present "The Mexican American Experience in Houston" at the Hyatt Regency Houston on Friday, October 20, 2006, from 9:00 AM to 9:50 AM.

The annual IS&CF is the premier event for MAES. This conference for engineers and scientists has been held in a different city each year since 1976 and raises funds to support MAES' outreach and leadership development programs as well as operation of the national office. This event features technical and education papers and workshops by nationally and internationally known leaders and technical experts. The closing event is the Career and Graduate School Fair which brings together hundreds of students and professionals seeking employment opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. More information on the IS&CF is available online at [www.maes-natl.org](http://www.maes-natl.org).

MAES was founded in Los Angeles in 1974 by a group of professional engineers to advance and increase the number of Latinos, especially those of Mexican American descent, in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics by creating opportunities and fostering recognition through its professional, technical, and outreach activities. The mission of MAES is to promote, cultivate, and honor excellence in education and leadership among Latino engineers and scientists. MAES is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

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