# Fall Networking Conference

**October 5, 2019**

**Conference at Anne and Charles Duncan Hall, Rice University**

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| 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. | **Registration and Breakfast**  
*Breakfast generously underwritten by Perfection Learning* |
| 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. | **Welcome**                                                                                                                                 |
| 9:10 – 10:00 a.m. | **My Unlikely Journey from the Barrios of Los Angeles to the White House & the National Medal of Science**  
*Richard A. Tapia*  
University Professor and Maxfield-Oshman Professor in Engineering  
Rice University |
| 10:00 – 10:10 a.m. | **Break**                                                                                                                                 |
| 10:10 – 10:50 a.m. | **STEM Professionals Panel: My personal journey into STEM, opportunities for future STEM professionals, and recommendations for K-12 teachers to support their students**  
Alma Del Toro, Blue Bull Energy  
Edward Gonzalez, PROS  
Edward Castillo, Beaumont Health System  
Ricardo Vargas, Shell |
| 10:50 – 11:00 a.m. | **Break**                                                                                                                                 |
| 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. | **STEM Students Panel: How did I get here? Who helped me along the way? Reflections and recommendations for K-12 teachers to support their students**  
Juan Rodrigo Trujillo, Undergraduate Student in Neuroscience  
Marco Antonio Gutierrez, Undergraduate Student in Mechanical Engineering  
Nicole Jaiyesimi, Undergraduate Student in Statistics and Managerial Studies  
Vanessa Espinoza, PhD Student in Chemistry  
Zac Zalles, Undergraduate Student in Math and Computational and Applied Mathematics |

Members of the RUSMP Teacher Network and school district administrators are invited to attend.  
Please register on-line at [http://rusmp.rice.edu](http://rusmp.rice.edu) by October 1, 2019.