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Great Minds in STEM™ and the General Motors Foundation Bring Viva Technology to Cristo Rey High School Fort Worth, TX

Montebello, CA March 27, 2019 – General Motors Foundation and Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) have partnered to bring the Viva Technology™ Program to Cristo Rey High School in Fort Worth, TX for the first time.

Great Minds in STEM has partnered with the General Motors Foundation across Texas since 2014, but this will be the first Viva Technology program at Cristo Rey High School. Students will hear a keynote address from General Motors representative Mr. Raul Villareal, Director of Paint at GM's Arlington facility and a past HENAAC Award winner. Additional volunteers from General Motors will serve as STEM professional role models and work directly with parents and students throughout the 2-day program filled with hands-on technical challenges that develop hard and soft skills.

75 Cristo Rey students will participate in the Viva Technology student day on Friday, March 29. They will be joined by 14 STEM college students from the University of Texas at Arlington, University of North Texas, and Texas Cristian University who will serve as College Captains and provide mentoring and guidance to high school participants. They'll also share their experiences transitioning from high school to college and give them a glimpse of what awaits them in just a couple short years.

Since 2001, Great Minds in STEM has been delivering Viva Technology programs in communities across the country, including multiple visits to the great state of Texas. Together with outstanding partners like the General Motors Foundation, Viva Technology has impacted hundreds of thousands of and students, teachers and parents in its 19-year history.

About Great Minds in STEM

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County with a 31-year history of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national STEM awareness programs for students, parents and teachers in underserved communities. Through the GMiS network, academic and career development opportunities are offered to underrepresented students in STEM fields. The organization is focused on working to build a diverse 21st Century STEM workforce in which all citizens contribute to innovation and experience prosperity. For more information please visit www.greatmindsinstem.org.