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Great Minds in STEM™ and Northrop Grumman Foundation Return to Piedmont Lakes Middle School for Second Consecutive Year

ORLANDO FL – February 6, 2019- Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) in partnership with the Northrop Grumman Foundation, will bring a Viva Technology™ program to Piedmont Lakes Middle School Apopka, FL for the second year in a row.

As part of GMiS' national K-12 education programs, Viva Technology™ engages students, teachers and parents with STEM challenges that foster awareness, build skills in the applications of science and technology and provide a STEM education and career pathways. Teacher and parent orientations which will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2019. The Teacher Orientation will provide information and materials that acquaint educators with the program and affords them educational resources so they can continue to encourage their students to pursue STEM fields. The parent component will lend information to help parents encourage their children to excel in math and science and envision themselves as future engineers and scientists. Teacher and parent attendees will interact and hear from Northrop Grumman representatives Lee Wiewiora, Programs Manager and Alice Granda, Associate Mechanical Engineer during the teacher and parent orientations respectively.

On Friday, February 8, approximately 100 middle school students will experience a full day of STEM project-based exercises that challenge their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. Approximately 20 STEM college students from the University of Central Florida and surrounding Colleges and Universities will serve as College Captain near-peer mentors, providing mentorship, guidance and leadership throughout the day. Piedmont Lakes Middle School students will also closely interact with professional role models as the program will also be supported by Northrop Grumman One Adelante Employee Resource Group Members. Joining the event as keynote speaker will be Alberto Vazquez, Principal Quality Engineer, Northrop Grumman.

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.

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