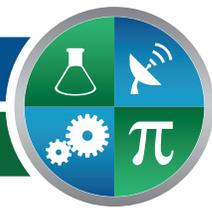


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Great Minds in STEM's greatest desire is that the nation returns back to business as soon and as safely as possible with a renewed spirit of unity, cooperation and stability. Over the last few months, GMiS has remained agile by adapting our programming, our development outreach, and our communications to these new and often unprecedented circumstances we've all been presented with. We are grateful to our sponsors who continue to support our efforts to remain focused on our mission and help Americans from underserved communities achieve success in STEM.

Our 32nd annual GMiS Conference, scheduled for **October 7-10, 2020**, is now 5 months away. This year's theme, "Every Challenge-Every Frontier," could not be more prescient. In that spirit, our team continues to prepare for both the in-person event that so many of you look forward to every year, and a virtual event that takes into account restrictions and guidelines related to travel and large gatherings that could affect our ability to execute a traditional conference.

The health and safety of all participants and our staff are at the heart of any and all options for which we are preparing. Decisions we will make to overcome the challenges presented by the COVID-19 Pandemic will consider this first and foremost. Our team is committed to adapting the GMiS Conference however we need to in order to ensure it runs in a manner that provides value to our sponsors, students, professionals and other stakeholders during this evolving public health crisis. Variations to our traditional conference format are being evaluated so that the best approach is implemented come October.

Updates will be provided periodically through our website at www.greatmindsinstem.org. Our July 2020 Virtual Summit remains unchanged and invitations and dates for this program will go out in May. During the GMiS Virtual Summit we will share more details about the changes to our conference footprint that you can expect too later this year.

As we progress through these dynamic times, we hope everyone continues to share with GMiS the areas, events, and aspects of the conference that are important to your organization. We are open to any input or ideas you may have that could help us meet your entity's expectations. Lastly, we encourage you to keep your options open so that you can either fully participate in person at the conference in October, or adapt to remote participation if it becomes necessary.

Thank you for your continued support of Great Minds in STEM and helping us deliver on our mission each and every day. We are confident that this experience will strengthen us all in new ways and add to the challenges and frontiers we have overcome in previous years.

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