

**Great Minds in STEM™ Partners with the Northrop Grumman Foundation to Bring the Viva Technology™ Program to South Gate Middle School in California**

*Helps students link STEM education to professional careers*

Monterey Park, CA, May 21, 2014 - Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) and the Northrop Grumman Foundation partnered recently to bring the nationally acclaimed Viva Technology™ Program to South Gate Middle School in South Gate, California. The program exposes students to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers. South Gate Middle School is a Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems Partner in Education school with a predominantly Hispanic student population. One Adelante, Northrop Grumman's Hispanic Employee Resource Group was actively involved in bringing the VIVA program to South Gate.

Viva Technology™ is GMiS' national K-12 education program designed to engage students, teachers and parents with STEM challenges that stimulate their interest in the applications of technology and provide a STEM-focused career pathway. The program helps students understand the correlation between their math and science studies and the numerous exciting careers in technology.

“This is a wonderful program because helping students make this link – from studies to professional opportunities – is a key factor in getting and keeping them excited about STEM,” said Sandra Evers-Manly, president of the Northrop Grumman Foundation and vice president of Northrop Grumman global corporate responsibility.

The students worked in teams led by Northrop Grumman volunteers and engineering and science college students and participated in exercises exploring math and science concepts. The program also provided teachers with STEM resources to enrich their classroom environment and parents with information to help them encourage their children to excel in STEM and envision themselves as future engineers and scientists.

**About Great Minds in STEM™**

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County. Established in 1989, GMiS keeps America technologically strong through the delivery of national science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) awareness programs for students, parents and teachers in underserved communities; providing opportunities for the academic and career development of underrepresented students and professionals in STEM; and honoring the excellent contributions of our nation's Hispanic engineers and scientists. With a national presence through its education programs as well as its college and professional offerings, the organization is working to ensure that the U.S. maintains its status as the world's technology leader. For more information, please contact Julie Magallanes-Guevara, Manager of Public Affairs at (213) 435-9934 or (323) 262-0997 ext. 628 and visit the Great Minds in STEM™ website at [www.greatmindsinstem.org](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org).

The Northrop Grumman Foundation supports diverse and sustainable programs for students and teachers. These programs create innovative education experiences in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. For more information, please visit [www.northropgrumman.com/foundation](http://www.northropgrumman.com/foundation).