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**Great Minds in STEM™ Selected as a Recipient of AALA Community Service Award**  
*Honoring the Service to the School Community and the Los Angeles Unified School District*

*Monterey Park, CA, April 30, 2014* - Great Minds in STEM™ will be honored at the 2014 Associate Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA) Scholarship and Community Awards Banquet. Nominated by Joel Escobar, Categorical Program Advisor and STEM-Up™ Ambassador, of Sunrise Elementary School in the Boyle Heights Community of Los Angeles, GMiS is recognized for its outstanding efforts in serving the school community and the Los Angeles Unified School District. Through its STEM-Up™ Initiative in the Boyle Heights Community, GMiS conducts education and community programs that create Awareness, Inspiration, Motivation and provide Skills for students to be able to pursue careers in STEM. The award will be presented at the annual AALA Scholarship and Community Awards Banquet, Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, CA.

The AALA established the Annual Community Recognition Award to honor individuals who have been instrumental in providing service to the schools of the Los Angeles Unified School District. It is a way of recognizing and showing appreciation to individuals and groups who have made exemplary contributions to public education in Los Angeles. The selected awardees are individuals or groups who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to their school community by enriching the educational experience of the students and the schools they serve. Great Minds in STEM is honored to receive this prestigious award.

**About STEM-Up™**

STEM-Up™ is a GMiS Initiative that provides a comprehensive community-based approach consisting of a value chain of opportunities to promote STEM career pathways. STEM-Up™ is funded through a Department of Defense Contract as administered by the USACE, Los Angeles District office.

**About Great Minds in STEM™**

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County. GMiS is proud to celebrate 26 years of keeping 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).

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