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Great Minds in STEM CEO Speaks at U.S. News STEM Solutions Leadership Conference
Teach, Inspire, Hire : Building Skills and Increasing STEM Diversity

Monterey Park, CA – May 18, 2016 – Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) CEO and Board Member Anna M. Park, will be among a network of expert panelists, speaking during the breakout session, "Building a Latino Wave in STEM," on May 19, 2016, at the U.S. News STEM Solutions - National Leadership Conference, in Baltimore, Maryland. The conference themed, Teach, Inspire, Hire : Building Skills and Increasing STEM Diversity, is presented by the U.S. News & World Report, and will be held at the Hilton Baltimore, where GMiS will also be an exhibitor.

Despite enormous growth in the general population, Hispanic professionals make up less than 10 percent of the STEM workforce. At the same time, only about two-thirds of Latino students nationwide have access to advanced math and science offerings in school, and many students and families remain unaware of the opportunities available in STEM. Colleges and corporations are making a concerted effort to change this through scholarships, recruitment programs, mentoring, internships, and more. Anna M. Park and panelists will address some of the biggest barriers and strongest solutions for reaching and engaging this critical population.

To learn more about GMiS during the U.S. News STEM Solutions Leadership Conference, visit booth #109.

The U.S. News STEM Solutions National Leadership Conference is focused on improving America's science, technology, engineering and math skills. Produced by U.S. News & World Report, the conference highlights STEM issues on a national stage and assembles major corporations, leading educators and top policymakers to find solutions to the STEM crisis. Now in its fifth year, the conference will take place May 18-20, 2016 at the Hilton, Baltimore, Maryland.

About Great Minds in STEM™

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County with a 28-year history of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national STEM awareness programs especially to underserved communities. Through the GMiS network, academic, career development and mentoring opportunities are offered to students who are underrepresented 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.

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