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**Great Minds in STEM™ to Partner with Lockheed Martin Corporation for  
National Viva Technology™ Programs**

*Monterey Park, CA, May 16, 2014* - Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) is excited to announce the launch of a partnership with Lockheed Martin Corporation to showcase four Viva Technology™ programs taking place across the nation. The first of four events will be conducted at Daggett Middle School in Fort Worth, Texas, on May 15 & 16, 2014.

Viva Technology™ is a 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 teacher component will provide educators with STEM resources to enrich their classroom environment and will welcome Jimmy Baccam, a Lockheed Martin Corporation Electro-Mechanical Engineer, who will address the teachers. The parent component, conducted in both English and Spanish, will provide information to help parents encourage their children to excel in math and science and envision themselves as future engineers and scientists. Manny Arciniega, Systems Engineering Sr. Manager, also from Lockheed Martin Corporation will be on-site to interact with parents. Both program elements will occur on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 3PM - 6PM.

The student component, Viva Technology™ Student Day, will take place on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9AM - 4PM and will host approximately 120 middle school students who will experience a full day of STEM project-based exercises that challenge their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. Local STEM college students from the University of Texas at Arlington, Austin and Dallas, Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist University, Tarrant County College, Howard University and Morehouse College, will serve as College Captain near peer mentors guiding the teams through the challenges. Serving as the day's keynote speaker will be Carlos Delgado, a Lockheed Martin Corporation Test Engineer Site Lead.

**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 25 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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