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Great Minds in STEM™ and Northrop Grumman Foundation Deliver Viva Technology Program at Luther Jackson Middle School

Monterey Park, CA, November 21, 2014 – Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) and the Northrop Grumman Foundation will conduct a Viva Technology program at Luther Jackson Middle School in Falls Church, Virginia on November 20 - 21, 2014. This will be the first time a program is hosted at the school and the final event of the year under the partnership with the foundation.

As part of GMiS' series of national K-12 education programs, Viva Technology™ engages students, teachers and parents with STEM challenges that stimulate an interest in the applications of technology and provide a STEM-focused career pathway. The teacher element will provide educators with STEM resources to enrich their classroom environment and shares the current state of the nation's technical workforce. The parent component will provide information to help parents encourage their children to excel in math and science and envision themselves as future engineers and scientists. On-hand to speak with both parents and teachers will be Mr. Bobby Perez, Ph.D., Program Manager for the Northrop Grumman's Information Systems. The teacher and parent orientation will occur on November 20th between the hours of 3PM – 7:30PM.

Viva Technology™ Student Day, will take place on Friday, November 21st from 8AM – 2:40PM and will host approximately 130 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 George Washington University, Marymount University, George Mason University and University of Maryland – College Park, will assist as College Captain near peer mentors guiding the teams through the various activities. Northrop Grumman's Vice President of Corporate Responsibility, Ms. Sandra Evers-Manly and Frederic Lancaster, Director of Programs, will be in attendance to present sponsor welcome remarks and serve as the day's keynote speaker, respectively. GMiS Chairman and Founder, Mr. Ray Mellado will also participate in the two-day event.

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.

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