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Great Minds in STEM™ & Shell Oil Company Deliver 1st Viva Technology of the Year
Over 300 Pasadena, Texas Residents Participate in Two-Day Program

Monterey Park, CA, February 18, 2016 – Great Minds in STEM™ and Shell Oil Company kicked off their twelfth year of partnership supporting educational programs on February 11 during the first Viva Technology program of the year in Pasadena, Texas.

A total of over 300 teachers, parents, students and guests participated in the two-day event, which took place at Deepwater Junior High School. The three-part program marked the first time that both the school and city hosted a program. School Principal Scott Davis, who was present throughout the duration of the event said, “Viva Technology fits in perfectly with everything that we are doing here at Deepwater Junior High,” and is excited to work with GMiS to bring more programming to the district.

Both the teacher and parent orientations were held on Thursday, February 11. The teacher orientation provided information and materials that acquaint teachers with Viva Technology™ and affords them educational resources so they can continue to encourage their students to pursue STEM degrees and careers. The parent component, conducted in both English and Spanish, lent information to help parents encourage their children to excel in math and science and envision themselves as future engineers and scientists.

On Friday, February 12, students took part in Viva Technology™ Student Day where they experienced a full day of STEM project-based exercises that challenge their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. Local STEM college students from surrounding colleges and universities in the Houston area, served as college near peer mentors, guiding student teams through various challenges posed to them throughout the day.

The event welcomed several guests including Houston ISD Superintendent, Victor White and keynote speaker, Juan Hinojosa, Process Specialist at Shell Oil Company.

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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