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**Great Minds in STEM™ Present Viva Technology Program in Savannah, Georgia**  
*Shell Oil Company & Kinder-Morgan Co-Sponsor Student Day at H.V. Jenkins High School*

*Savannah, GA, August 29 2014* – Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS), with support from sponsors Kinder Morgan and Shell Oil Company, will conduct a Viva Technology™ Program at H.V. Jenkins High School in Savannah, Georgia, on Friday, August 29, 2014, from 8AM – 3PM.

The event, creates an increased level of awareness and importance of a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. Sponsor representatives in attendance include keynote guest speaker Steve Heard, Director of Liquefied Natural Gas Operations for Kinder Morgan.

Since 2001, Viva Technology™ has reached over 100,000 students, teachers and parents across 18 states. As GMiS' national K-12 education program, the 3-part program is 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 student component, Viva Technology™ Student Day, will host up to 120 high school students from H.V. Jenkins High School. Students will work intently on STEM project-based exercises that expand their understanding of the scientific method and the engineering design process. Local STEM college students from Savannah State University, Armstrong University and Savannah Technical College, will serve as College Captain near peer mentors guiding the teams through the challenges.

The teacher orientation will provide educators with culturally-relevant STEM resources to enrich their classroom environment. 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.

**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 visit the Great Minds in STEM™ website at [www.greatmindsinstem.org](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org)

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