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GMiS Discusses New Science Policy Strategies at White House

White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Hosts Minorities in STEM Workshop

Monterey Park, CA, February 25, 2014 – Great Minds in STEM™, a national leader in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) outreach to the underserved and underrepresented communities, will participate in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Minorities in STEM Workshop, on February 26, 2014, from 1:00PM – 5:00PM (EST). The meeting will be held in Washington DC, at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, in Room 430.

The workshop, titled *Closing the Gap: Opportunities to Expand Minority Achievement and Participation in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)*, will convene leaders of professional STEM organizations, technical experts and STEM stakeholders to formulate strategies to address both the K-12 achievement gap and postsecondary recruitment and persistence.

For over 26 years, GMiS has honored and recognized this nation's top, technical Hispanic talent, which have served as prominent STEM role models to help our youth envision themselves as future STEM innovators, entrepreneurs, and leaders. With its ambitious annual outreach to over 100,000 K-12 students, college students, K-20 educators, and parents across the country, GMiS continues to ensure broadened participation in STEM and that students are enabled with the 21st Century Skills that are demanded of today's technical workforce.

“GMiS is excited to be part of this national dialogue and looks forward to formative action strategies at the national level to significantly meet and exceed the Grand Challenges set forth by President Obama,” states Anna Park, CEO and Board Member of Great Minds in STEM™.

In April 2014, GMiS will both launch a new outreach initiative in Washington DC and will participate in the USA Science and Engineering Festival, also in Washington DC.

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 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.

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