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**Great Minds in STEM™ and Lockheed Martin Corporation Bring STEM to
Colonel Zadock Magruder High School in Rockville, Maryland**

Monterey Park, CA, May 21, 2014 - Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS), in partnership with The Lockheed Martin Corporation, will proudly showcase a Viva Technology™ program, to heighten the level of awareness, inspiration and motivation in science, engineering, technology and mathematics (STEM), at Colonel Zadok Magruder High School in Rockville, Maryland, on May 22 & 23, 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. 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. Mr. Andre Thornton, Mission Operations Capability Director for Lockheed Martin Company Information Systems and Global Solution will be on-site to speak with both teachers and parents on May 22nd from 2:30PM - 7PM.

The student component, Viva Technology™ Student Day, will host approximately 120 high school students who will experience a full day of STEM project-based exercises that challenge their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. On-hand to give a sponsor welcome will be Dr. Thaddaeus Irby, Capture Engineering Manager for Lockheed Martin's IS&GS Defense and Intelligence Solutions. Local STEM college students from Marymount University, Howard University and George Washington University will serve as College Captain near peer mentors guiding the teams through the challenges. The day's keynote speaker will be Ms. Danielle Richey, Systems Engineer for Lockheed Martin's Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center. The student program will take place on May 23rd from 8AM - 2:20PM.

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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