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**Great Minds in STEM™ and STEM Diversity Campaign Partnered for 5th
Viva Technology™ Program of the Academic School Year**

Monterey Park, CA, August 7, 2015 – Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) and STEM Diversity Campaign, partnered to conduct the fifth Viva Technology™ program of the academic school year. The program was conducted at McKinley Technology Education Campus in Washington, DC, on Friday, August 7 and welcomed approximately 200 high school students.

Throughout the day, students experienced a full day of STEM project-based exercises that challenged their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. Local STEM college students from Loyola Marymount University, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Coppin State University, George Mason University, Morgan State University, George Washington University and University of District of Columbia served as College Captain near-peer mentors, providing mentorship and leadership, while guiding student teams through the various challenges posed to them throughout the program.

As part of GMiS' national K-12 education programs, Viva Technology™ aims to engage students, teachers and parents with STEM challenges that foster awareness, build skills in the applications of science and technology and provide a STEM education and career pathway. Students work in teams led by engineering and science university students, with the expressed goals of communicating the different STEM fields.

About Great Minds in STEM™

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County with a 27-year history of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national STEM awareness programs for students, parents and teachers in underserved communities. Through the GMiS network, academic and career development opportunities are offered to underrepresented students 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. For more information please visit www.greatmindsinstem.org.

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