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**Great Minds in STEM Invited to Participate in White House STEM & CTE Conference**  
*Bringing Marginalized Girls into Focus in STEM and Career Technical Education*

*Monterey Park, CA - January 15, 2015* - Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS), a national leader in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) outreach to underserved and underrepresented communities, will participate in the White House STEM & Career and Technical Education (CTE) Conference on Marginalized Girls. Taking place on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at Georgetown University's Law Center in Washington D. C., the conference will bring together federal, state, and local agencies, service providers, researchers, the private sector, and youth to discuss policies and programs that will help increase access to STEM and CTE for marginalized girls, including low-income girls and girls of color. Representing the organization will be Dr. Mary Fernandez, President of MentorNet, a division of GMiS.

Participants will address the program's theme, "Front and Center: Bringing Marginalized Girls into Focus in STEM and Career and Technical Education." Through various working groups, attendees will provide input into the development of a portal that gathers resources to expand access for underrepresented girls in STEM and CTE under the auspices of the National Girls Collaborative; they will identify the top 5 research needs to help increase marginalized girls' access to STEM and CTE; and they will identify the elements of effective private-public partnerships for reaching marginalized girls and expanding their access to STEM and CTE.

GMiS' participation in this conference will continue to bring forth a key goal of reaching young women in underrepresented communities, and introducing them to the boundless opportunities and career paths in the STEM arena as well as the STEM fields in higher education.

**About Great Minds in STEM™**

Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) has a 27-year history of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national STEM awareness programs focused on students, parents and teachers in under-served communities. Through the GMiS STEM network, academic and career development opportunities are offered to students who are under-represented in STEM fields. Online mentoring opportunities are also available on a national level through MentorNet, GMiS' new division. Our legacy is noted in the STEM professionals – particularly Hispanic engineers and scientists – who we honor nationally as role models to aspiring STEM talent. To learn more about GMiS, please visit: [ww.greatmindsinstem.org](http://ww.greatmindsinstem.org).

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