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Great Minds in STEM™ and STEM Up Initiative Partner to Bring the Viva Technology Program to Mendez Learning Center in Los Angeles

As a proud step in continuing the ongoing effort to expose middle school students to science, technology, engineering, and math careers (STEM), Great Minds in STEM™ and STEM Up are partnering to return the nationally acclaimed Viva Technology Program to Mendez Learning Center in Los Angeles.

Viva Technology is Great Minds in STEM's National K-12 Educational Program. It is designed to engage students, parents and teachers in activities that stimulate their interest in the applications of technology and provide a STEM career focused path to higher education. It also helps students understand the correlation between their math and science studies and the many exciting careers in technology.

The student portion will take place on Friday, December 2, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:06 p.m.

The Viva Technology Student Program will aim to empower, educate, and excite the students of Mendez Learning Center about their many STEM career opportunities. Students will experience a day filled with hands-on competitive and educational exercises designed to explore math and science concepts. Attendees will work in teams led by engineering and science college students from surrounding universities and colleges including, but not limited to, California State University of Los Angeles, East Los Angeles College, and Pasadena City College. Students will also interact with STEM Up representatives. Present at the event to give a key note speech, will be Amber Girard; Project Engineer at CH2MHill. Active participation gives students opportunities to accrue points and win educational technology related prizes at the end of the day.

For more information about Viva Technology and future programs please visit www.vivatechnology.org

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