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**HENAAC and the Motorola Foundation Join Forces to  
Equip Young People to Excel in Science and Math**

*HENAAC's Acclaimed Viva Technology Program Receives  
Innovation Generation Grant*

Los Angeles, CA – September 8, 2008 – For the second year, HENAAC's acclaimed Viva Technology K-12 Education Program is a recipient of an Innovation Generation Grant from the Motorola Foundation. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the Motorola Foundation has been supporting HENAAC K-12 Programs. The Innovation Generation grant represents a continuation of programming in High Schools and Middle Schools in South Florida as well as the Chicago Metropolitan area.

Since 2003, HENAAC and Motorola have partnered to bring the Viva Technology Program to students, parents, families and teachers for the purpose of promoting careers and education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The program has introduced students to experienced professionals, provided connections between schools and their local science and engineering university programs, and provided materials and forums for hands-on learning to students and teachers.

The leadership of the Motorola Latino Business Council (LBC) units in Chicagoland and South Florida has helped turn Viva Technology Programs into regional institutions. In South Florida, for programs within the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the Viva Technology Program has received a special award for being the "Partnership of the Year."

The Motorola Foundation's *Innovation Generation* grant program seeks to spark students' interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and to help develop critical-thinking skills for the long term. Providing \$4 million to K-12 programs across the U.S. in 2008, the initiative supports hands-on, innovative after-school programs, science and math clubs, teacher training and mentoring programs.

The program is further proof of how local initiatives can have a global impact. U.S. student achievement in STEM is lagging compared to the rest of the world. Evaluated against international competition, fourth-grade students score similarly, but by the time they reach 12<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. students fall near the bottom in math and science. By implementing Viva Technology Programs to bolster awareness in STEM careers, is working with Motorola to overturn this trend.

"By showing students the real-world applications of concepts they learn in the classroom, *Innovation Generation* programs open their eyes to possibilities," said Eileen Sweeney, director of the Motorola Foundation. "Programs like Viva Technology develop students' confidence and skills to succeed in a sophisticated world and a dynamic and competitive global marketplace."

Since 2000, the Motorola Foundation has contributed more than \$35 million to education initiatives with a focus on STEM. For more information on the *Innovation Generation* grant program please visit [www.motorola.com/giving](http://www.motorola.com/giving)

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