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**Great Minds in STEM™ and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Partner to Bring the Viva Technology Program to Park View High School in Sterling, VA**

As a proud step in continuing the ongoing effort to expose high school students to science, technology, engineering, and math careers (STEM), Great Minds in STEM™ and the CIA are partnering to bring the nationally acclaimed Viva Technology Program to Park View High School in Sterling, VA.

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 Viva Technology Program consists of two separate elements, both conducted at Park View High School. The parent portion will take place on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The student portion will take place on Friday, March 19, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:48 p.m.

The parent portion will feature an orientation where they will receive information about what their child will learn from participating in the program, why encouraging student interest in math and science will positively impact their child's future and what STEM career opportunities lie ahead for these youth. Parent session will be presented in both English and Spanish.

The Viva Technology Student Program will aim to empower, educate, and excite the students of Park View High School 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, George Mason University, Virginia Tech University, and the University of Virginia. Students will also interact with CIA representatives who will be addressing students in a key note speech. 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 programming please visit [www.vivatechnology.org](http://www.vivatechnology.org)

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Keeping America technologically strong by promoting STEM Careers in underserved communities.