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**The Viva Technology™ Student and Community Assembly arrives  
to the City of Santa Ana, CA hosted at the Delhi Community Center and Park  
A Great Minds in STEM™ and United States Air Force Partnering Event**

Introducing a one of a kind, customized event, Great Minds in STEM™ and the U.S. Air Force are partnering in a twofold effort to encourage students to pursue higher education and careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) while promoting positive citizenship in the community and practicing a healthy way of living. Students from three neighboring middle schools – Lathrop Intermediate School, Sierra Intermediate School, and Willard Intermediate School – will join at the locally trusted Delhi Community Center for a fun-filled day of thought-provoking challenges inspiring them to be the next generation of scientists and engineers.

Viva Technology™ is Great Minds in STEM's National K-12 STEM Education Awareness Program. Making an impact in hundreds of households across the United States, the program 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.

The Viva Technology™ Student and Community Assembly will take place on **Friday, May 27, 2011** from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** starting the day in the Main Ballroom at the Delhi Community Center. After a brief orientation with special guest speeches by U.S. Air Force Operations Flight Commander, Captain Robert C. Marquez, and U.S. Air Force Acting Deputy Liaison Officer Director, Captain Robert Edison II, the students will split into two breakout sessions. Inside the Delhi Community Center one group of students will partake in a modified *STEM Jeopardy*-version in a TV game show format. At the same time, the second group of students will be released into an open networking fair at the Delhi Park with over a dozen community-based organizations eager to share their resources with all attendees. Confirmed organizations in attendance include the Columbia Memorial Space Center, COSMOS from the University of California Irvine, the Santa Ana Library "Teen Space" Group, Women in Engineering from California State University, Long Beach, and MESA from Chapman University.

To help launch the inaugural Viva Technology™ Student & Community Assembly at the Delhi Community Center, local government officials and congressional representatives have been invited to join and support STEM education awareness to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of the Santa Ana Unified School District. Invited guests include Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez of California's 47<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Congressman Xavier Becerra of California's 31<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, California Assemblyman Jose Solorio, Senator Lou Correa of California's 34<sup>th</sup> Senate District, Santa Ana Mayor Miguel Pulido, Santa Ana Unified School District Superintendent Jane Russo, and Santa Ana School Board of Education President José Hernández.

These middle school students will work in teams led by engineering and science college students from surrounding universities and colleges including, but not limited to, the University of California Irvine, California State University, Los Angeles, and California State University, Long Beach. Students will also interact with U.S. Air Force representatives and ROTC students from the surrounding neighborhood. 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](http://www.vivatechnology.org)

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