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Great Minds in STEM™ in Partnership with The Motorola Foundation Brings the Viva Technology Program to Annie Keller Regional Gifted Center in Chicago, IL

As a proud step in continuing efforts to expose middle school students to science, technology, engineering, and math careers (STEM), Great Minds in STEM™ and The Motorola Foundation are partnering once gain to return the nationally acclaimed Viva Technology Program to Annie Keller Regional Gifted Center in Chicago, IL. Annie Keller RGC has been selected by The Motorola Foundation as one of six schools in the country to receive the program as part of this grant. This will be our 7th year returning to Annie Keller RGC! Student and parents have found the Viva Technology program “fun and educational.”

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 stakeholders understanding of the correlation between their math and science studies and the many exciting careers in STEM.

The Viva Technology™ Program consists of two separate presentations, both conducted at Annie Keller RGC. The parent session will take place on Thursday, April 28, 2011 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. The student day will take place on Friday, April 29, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

The parent session 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. Session will be presented in both English and Spanish.

The Viva Technology™ Student Day will aim to empower, educate, and excite the students of Nautilus Middle 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, University of Illinois, Chicago, University of Chicago, DePaul University, and Lewis University. Students will also interact with The Motorola Foundation representatives. Present at the event to give a key note speech, will be a Motorola Foundation official. 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 us at www.vivatechnology.org

About Great Minds in STEM™ – Vision

Be a national leader in keeping America technologically strong by promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math careers especially in underserved communities. For more information about Great Minds in STEM please visit www.greatmindsinstem.org

2011 HENAAC Award Nomination

The HENAAC Awards nomination process is the fundamental element that allows Great Minds in STEM™ to share dynamic and engaging STEM success stories. The award categories range from high potential talent to full career trajectories. The various levels of achievement enable us to showcase and honor individuals for their professional and academic accomplishments in multiple arenas and at every stage of the technical workforce pipeline.

Now is the time to take an internal assessment of your talent pool and select individuals who can compete for a HENAAC award. Award winners reflect the excellence and innovation that organizations promote to drive technology into the future. We invite you to nominate your talented colleagues who bring us the many technological advances we enjoy.

Award winners and honorees will be presented during the HENAAC Conference to take place October 6-8, 2011 at the Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Furthermore, all nominees enter our pool of role models that we share with the community via the internet, printed material, and during guest appearances in our education programs.

Additional information on the HENAAC nomination process and on the 2011 HENAAC Conference can be found on the Great Minds in STEM website – www.greatmindsinstem.org.