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**HENAAC and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Partner to Bring the Viva Technology Program to The Rice School in Houston, TX**

As a proud step in continuing the ongoing effort to expose middle school students to science, technology, engineering, and math careers (STEM), HENAAC and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Galveston District are partnering to return the nationally acclaimed Viva Technology Program to The Rice School in Houston, TX.

Viva Technology is HENAAC's National K-12 Educational Program and 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 is also designed to help students understand the correlation between their math and science studies and the many exciting careers in technology.

For a second consecutive year, the Viva Technology Program will aim to empower, educate, and excite the students of The Rice School about their many STEM career opportunities. At the Viva Technology Student Program, students will experience a day filled with hands-on competitive and educational exercises designed to explore math and science concepts. Students will work in teams led by engineering and science college students from surrounding universities and colleges including, but not limited to, Rice University, San Jacinto College, and the University of Houston (Main and Downtown Campuses). Students will also interact with USACE representatives. Present at the event to give a key note speech, will be Colonel Weston, Commander of the USACE Galveston District and Mr. Pete Perez, P.E. Chief of the Engineering and Construction Division of the USACE Galveston District. Active participation gives students opportunities to accrue points and win educational technology related prizes at the end of the day. The Viva Technology Student Program will take place on Friday, September 18, 2009 at The Rice School in Houston, TX from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The program will also feature a parent orientation at which parents will receive information about what their children will learn from participating in the program, why encouraging student interest in math and science will positively impact their children's future, and what STEM career opportunities lie ahead for their children. Parent sessions are presented in both English and Spanish. The parent session will be held at The Rice School on Thursday, September 17, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information about Viva Technology and future programming please visit [www.henaac.org/vivatechnology](http://www.henaac.org/vivatechnology)

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