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Great Minds in STEM™ and the United States Army Corps of Engineers Partner to Bring the Two-Part STEM Awareness Program for the FIRST time to Englewood High School in Jacksonville!!

As a proud step in continuing the ongoing effort to expose middle school students to science, technology, engineering, and math careers (STEM), Great Minds in STEM™ and the United States Army Corps of Engineers are partnering to bring the Two-Part STEM Awareness Program to Englewood High School in Jacksonville.

Two- Part Student Awareness Program is Great Minds in STEM's Two Part STEM Awareness 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 Two- Part Student Awareness Program consists of two separate elements, both conducted at Englewood High School. The parent portion will take place on Thursday, December 15, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The student portion will take place on Friday, December 16, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:45 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.

The Two- Part Student Awareness Program will aim to empower, educate, and excite the students of Englewood 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 Florida State University and University of North Florida. Present to kick off the Student Program will be Lieutenant Colonel Ballard C. Barker, Deputy District Commander, Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District. Volunteering as a Key note speaker is Mr. Jose Bilbao, Civil Engineer/Operations Manager, Operations Division, Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District. Students will also be able to interact with USACE representatives in the Jacksonville District. Active participation gives students opportunities to accrue points and win educational technology related incentives at the end of the day.

For more information about Student Awareness Program and future programs please visit www.greatmindsinstem.org

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