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Great Minds in STEM™ Partners with United States Coast Guard to Host Nationally Acclaimed Viva Technology Program in Cleveland

LOS ANGELES, CA – Great Minds in STEM™ today announces that the United States Coast Guard (USCG) will sponsor Viva Technology, a nationally recognized STEM Education Outreach program. The Viva Technology program will take place on Friday, May 21 at Garrett Morgan School of Science Academy located in Cleveland, Ohio, a public high school in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

The Viva Technology Program is an education outreach program of the national non-profit organization Great Minds in STEM™. Since its inception in 2001, the Viva Technology program is designed for students to learn about the importance of education in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). This all-day Viva Technology program will immerse students in exciting and innovative hands-on activities designed to develop team building skills and motivate students to pursue careers in STEM.

Students will be involved in hands-on designs and building projects that simulate the real work of STEM professionals. The USCG sponsored Viva Technology program will take students through a series of team engineering projects with prizes for the winners. The projects will be to design and build a structure capable of withstanding a major earthquake, followed by the Dream Invention Challenge, where teams will be given the task to create an invention to solve problems of the future. During the program students will be guided by College Captains from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, John Carroll University, and University of Akron. College Captains will serve as near-peer role models and will share their academic experience as well as professional aspirations.

Former Viva Technology student participant in 2003 and graduate from Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High in Miami, LTJG Garrett R. Feldman will serve as one of two guest speakers. LTJG Feldman will share with student's history of personal triumph and the fulfillment of serving his country in the USCG as he inspires more than one-hundred science academy students encouraging them to stay in school, to do well and to consider becoming scientists or engineers. Also joining LTJG Feldman will be Mr. James L. Somerville who will share his story and experiences with the students. It will give the USCG an opportunity to showcase that it is a unique organization that carries out a wide-range of civil and military responsibilities touching almost every facet of the U.S. maritime environment. Great Minds in STEM™ is proud to partner with the USCG in its commitment to advance STEM education awareness programs to strengthen core fundamentals in STEM careers.

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