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Shell and HENAAC Present Viva Technology Day in Austin

Kealing Middle School students encouraged to study math and science

(Austin, Texas) Jan 23, 2006 - With a generous grant from **SHELL OIL**, HENAAC is preparing to bring its acclaimed Viva Technology Program to Kealing Middle School in Austin, Texas on Thursday, January 26, and Friday, January 27, 2006. The Shell Oil Company supports HENAAC's dedication to increasing awareness of engineering and technical fields to middle and high school students.

"It is critical for the future of the energy industry to cultivate a diverse pool of engineers and geoscientists to ensure our industry has the skilled workforce required for the future," said John Jefferson, director of diversity for Shell Oil Company. "Math and science skills are important to many occupations in this industry. At Shell, we are committed to improving opportunities early in the education process for all students."

Administered by HENAAC, the student component of the program features guest speakers from Shell, as well as science and engineering students from UT Austin and Texas A&M. 100 students will work through a series of fun and competitive challenges designed to help them learn about engineering and science. At the end of the day, students receive a Viva Technology Student Planner, which contains tools designed to improve student academic achievement in virtually every aspect of the learning experience. They also have a chance to win prizes, including CD players, digital cameras and a grand-prize laptop computer.

Parents of participating students can attend an information session the night prior to the Viva Technology event. This session provides information on college admissions, scholarships, work-study programs and other resources that will enable students to pursue studies and careers in engineering and science.

Shell Oil Company's Chris Morisette, a Project Engineer for Shell Global Solutions, will be the keynote speaker for the Viva Technology Day with the goal of highlighting to the students a professional day in the field and what it takes to be an engineer.

As part of its Workforce Development Initiative, Shell partnered with HENAAC in 2005 to bring this Viva Technology to 5 other schools across the country with programs in Georgia,

Pennsylvania and Texas. In 2006, Shell Oil will once again sponsor Viva Technology programs in these states.

About Viva Technology

Since its debut in 2001, the Viva Technology Program has been conducted at over 45 sites across the nation, including locations in Northern and Southern California, Nevada, Texas, Chicago, Louisiana, Georgia, Ohio, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida, with more to be scheduled this year. www.henaac.org

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