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The Motorola Foundation and HENAAC continue a tradition of commitment to our next generation of Engineers in Chicago, Illinois

Keeping with the commitment to bolstering the education and careers of students in engineering and science, the Motorola Foundation and HENAAC are partnering to return the Viva Technology Program to the Chicago Public Schools for the second year in a row. On April 20-21, the Motorola Foundation and HENAAC are partnering to once again bring the Viva Technology Program to the **Keller Regional Gifted Center**. Once again, on April 27-28, the Viva Technology Program will return to **Benito Juarez High School**.

"The mission goes on and it's our responsibility to prepare the youth of our future as the next generation of engineers, said Volney Rodriguez, Motorola Latino Business Council Member. "We are proud to partner with the Motorola Foundation and to join HENAAC in sponsoring activities that enrich the curiosity and development of these young children as they prepare for successful future careers."

Both programs will feature a Viva Technology Student Day with the purpose of raising awareness about the various engineering and technical fields available to students pursuing a college degree. The Student Day also features hands-on activities meant to introduce students to the physical designing and building that is characteristic of engineering work.

The Viva Technology Student Day for 100 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at the Keller Regional Gifted Center will be held on Friday, April 21. The Viva Technology Student Day for 100 9th grade students at Benito Juarez High School will be held nearby on the campus of the University of Illinois – Chicago on Friday, April 28.

Engineering students from the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Illinois Institute of Technology, and East-West University will be in attendance for both programs to aid the Viva Technology team in leading the students through their series of fun competitive challenges. At the end of both days, students will receive a Viva Technology Student Gizmo, which contains tools designed to improve student's 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.

The nights before both Viva Technology Day programs, the Viva Technology Program Team will host a **Parent Involvement Night** for the parents of students participating in the program. This event will be scheduled as a part of the Keller Regional Gifted Center's "**Family Math and Science Night,**" and all 6th-8th grade parents will be invited to attend. At Benito Juarez High School, the **Viva Technology Parent Involvement Night** will be held in the main cafeteria, where the parents of all participating Benito Juarez HS students will be invited to attend. Both Parent Involvement Night sessions will provide information on college admissions, scholarships, work-study programs and other resources that will enable students to pursue studies and careers in engineering and science, as well as receive a full description of the Viva Technology Day's activities for students.

About the Viva Technology Program

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.

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About the Motorola Foundation

The Motorola Foundation was established in 1953 primarily to support leading universities in the United States. Today, the Motorola Foundation provides funding to higher education as well as a multitude of primary and secondary education programs assisting individuals to reach their greatest potential and to become lifelong learners. One of the Foundations goals is to augment the level of education levels for youth especially in the communities where Motorola has a major operating presence. The Foundation is a global entity and endeavors to support diversity efforts in all of its activities.

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