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Great Minds in STEM™ and Northrop Grumman Foundation Return to Luther Jackson Middle School for Second Consecutive Year

Monterey Park, CA, November 19, 2015 – Now in its fifth year of partnership, Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) and Northrop Grumman Foundation, will bring a Viva Technology™ program to Luther Jackson Middle School students in Falls Church, Virginia for the second consecutive year.

As part of GMiS' national K-12 education programs, Viva Technology™ aims to engage students, teachers and parents with STEM challenges that foster awareness, build skills in the applications of science and technology and provide a STEM education and career pathway. Both a teacher and parent orientation will be held on Thursday, November 19. The Teacher Orientation will provide information and materials that acquaint teachers with Viva Technology™ and affords them educational resources so they can continue to encourage their students to pursue STEM degrees and careers. The parent component will lend information to help parents encourage their children to excel in math and science and envision themselves as future engineers and scientists. Teacher and parent attendees will hear from Northrop Grumman representatives, Dr. Bobby Perez, Information Systems Program Manager and Adelante ERG Chair and Napoleon Pinos, Electronic Systems Manager of Programs, respectively.

On Friday, November 20, approximately 140 middle school students will experience a full day of STEM project-based exercises that challenge their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. Local STEM college students from Marymount University, George Mason University, George Washington University and University of District of Columbia will serve as College Captain near-peer mentors, providing mentorship, guidance and leadership throughout the day. Joining the event as keynote speaker will be Ana Luisa Mendoza, Systems Engineering Manager at Northrop Grumman.

About Great Minds in STEM™

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County with a 27-year history of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national STEM awareness programs for students, parents and teachers in underserved communities. Through the GMiS network, academic and career development opportunities are offered to underrepresented students in STEM fields. The organization is focused on working to build a diverse 21st Century STEM workforce in which all citizens contribute to innovation and experience prosperity. For more information please visit www.greatmindsinstem.org.

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