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Great Minds in STEM and AltaMed Foundation Bring STEM Programming to Two Middle Schools in South Gate, CA

South Gate, CA – Great Minds in STEM (GMiS) and AltaMed Foundation have partnered to bring the Viva Technology Program to South Gate STEM Magnet and Southeast DREAMS Magnet in South Gate, California. This semester-long program is designed to develop Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) talent and inspire more children from this underserved community to pursue careers in STEM. This GMiS-designed program is a part of the AltaMed Youth Champions collaboration for the 2019-2020 academic school year.

Viva Technology will bring two student days and 12 regularly scheduled programming sessions to 100 students at each middle school campus. Students will be divided into teams and activities include hands-on, STEM-focused competitions, professional guest speakers from the worlds of engineering and the health sciences, and interaction with near-peer College Captain role models from local colleges and universities. Sessions for teachers and parents are also scheduled to raise awareness about how they can play an active role preparing students inside and outside the classroom to pursue STEM degrees.

Opening Ceremonies will be held at South Gate STEM Magnet on November 8th, 2019, and at Southeast DREAMS Magnet on December 4th, 2019, with regular programming commencing in January of 2020. Students will compete for technology prizes to be awarded at the Closing Ceremonies in May, 2020.

About Great Minds in STEM

Great Minds in STEM™ is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to keeping America technologically strong by promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers, especially in underserved communities. Established in 1989 and based in the Los Angeles area, the organization's national programming focuses on STEM educational awareness from kindergarten through college, and on recognizing and documenting the world-class contributions of Hispanic STEM professionals, who serve as role models for the next generation of American engineers and scientists.