

Press Release

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Great Minds in STEM and Lockheed Martin Corporation To bring Viva Technology to Puerto Rico

Mayagüez, Puerto Rico – Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) in partnership with the Lockheed Martin Corporation, will bring a Viva Technology™ program to Universidad de Puerto Rico at Mayagüez for students from Dr. Pedro Perea Fajardo School.

As part of GMiS' national K-12 education programs, Viva Technology™ engages 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 pathways. Teacher and parent orientations which will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019. Together in a STEM Orientation both teacher and parents will be provided information and materials that acquaint educators and parents with the program and affords them educational resources so they can continue to encourage their students to pursue STEM fields. Additionally, the orientation will lend information to help attendees encourage their students to excel in math and science and envision themselves as future engineers and scientists. Teacher and parent attendees will interact and hear from Lockheed Martin representatives during the teacher and parent orientations respectively.

On Friday, April 12, approximately 100 students will experience a full day of STEM project-based exercises that challenge their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. Approximately 24 STEM college students from the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez will serve as College Captain near-peer mentors, providing mentorship, guidance and leadership throughout the day. Dr. Pedro Perea Fajardo School students will also closely interact with professional role models supported by Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Great Minds in STEM™ announced Lockheed Martin will be the Title Host for the 2019 GMiS Conference taking place in Orlando from September 25-29, at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort. The GMiS Conference features executive forums, seminars, competitive programs, career opportunities and networking sessions and is attended by over 3,500 STEM students and professionals annually.

About Great Minds in STEM™

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County with a 31-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.

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