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Great Minds in STEM Partners with the Northrop Grumman Foundation to Bring Viva Technology Back to Baltimore

Baltimore, MD – Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) returns to Lakeland Elementary and Middle School in Baltimore to deliver its Viva Technology™ Student Day program to 100 8th graders on Friday, December 13, 2019. GMiS is once again partnering with the Northrop Grumman Foundation and Northrop Grumman's Adelante employee resource group to bring this national K-12 program to Maryland.

Viva Technology™ engages students, teachers and parents with STEM challenges that foster awareness, build skills in the application of science and technology, and illuminate STEM career pathways. The teacher orientation acquaints educators with the program and equips them with information and materials so they can continue to encourage their students to pursue STEM fields year around. Viva Technology also features a parent component that provide valuable resources that help families support their child's efforts in math and science and envision themselves as future engineers and scientists.

The 8th grade students will experience a full day of hands-on STEM projects that will challenge their understanding of the engineering and science design process. Approximately 15 STEM college students from Morgan State University pursuing STEM degrees will be on hand to serve as near-peer role models. As College Captains, they each will interact with a team of ten 8th graders as and provide mentorship, guidance and leadership. Students from Benjamin Franklin High School in Baltimore will also participate, assisting the College Captains.

Ten engineers and scientists from Northrop Grumman will engage the students and teachers as well. Guest speakers include Christie Bermudez-Rivera, an electrical engineer at Northrop Grumman, and Rudy Fernandez, Director of Strategic Planning at Northrop Grumman Corporation.

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. For more information please visit www.greatmindsinstem.org.