

# Press Release

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## Great Minds in STEM and Lockheed Martin Corporation To bring Viva Technology to Dallas, TX

**Dallas, TX** – Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) in partnership with the Lockheed Martin Corporation, will bring a Viva Technology™ program to Texans Can Academy-Dallas Oak Cliff .

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. On Thursday, May 16, 2019, parents will participate in a STEM Orientation where they will be provided information, materials and hands-on experiences to acquaint them to the exciting career opportunities in STEM. They will also receive STEM educational resources to encourage their students to pursue STEM fields. Additionally, the STEM Orientation will focus on encouraging their students to excel in math and science so that they can envision themselves as future engineers and scientists. Parent attendees will interact and hear from Lockheed Martin representatives during the session.

On Friday, May 17, 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 14 STEM college students from the local colleges & universities will serve as College Captains - near-peer mentors providing mentorship, guidance and leadership throughout the day. Texans Can Academy-Dallas Oak Cliff students will also work side by side with professional role models from Lockheed Martin Corporation. The Teacher STEM Orientation will be conducted consecutively during the Student Day on Friday, May 17. "Texans Can Academies is excited for the opportunity to partner with Great Minds in STEM and Lockheed Martin with the goal of inspiring students through science, technology, engineering and math concepts," said Richard Marquez, president and CEO of Texans Can Academies. "The Viva Technology Program will provide opportunities that our students would have never had, and we are proud to help students gain the knowledge and skills that will allow them to reach their goals and promote access to sustainable career paths." 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 net-working 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. For more information please visit [www.greatmindsinstem.org](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org).*