

# Press Release

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## **Great Minds in STEM™ and Northrop Grumman Foundation Return to Piedmont Lakes Middle School for Engineers Week 2020**

**Montebello, CA – February 19, 2020** – Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS), in partnership with the Northrop Grumman Foundation, will return to Piedmont Lakes Middle School Apopka, Florida with Viva Technology™ program during Engineers Week.

As part of GMiS' national K-12 education programs, Viva Technology™ engages students, teachers and parents with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) challenges that foster awareness, build skills in the applications of science and technology and provide a STEM education and career pathways. Teachers networking opportunity with Northrop Grumman team members will be held on Friday, February 21, 2020. Teachers have an opportunity to be one on one with the program sponsor and learning more about Northrop Grumman resources.

Concurrently, approximately 100 middle school students representing 6,7, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders 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 University of Central Florida and surrounding colleges and universities will serve as College Captain near-peer mentors, providing mentorship, guidance and leadership throughout the day. Piedmont Lakes Middle School students will also closely interact with professional role models, as the program will also be supported by members of Northrop Grumman's One Adelante Employee Resource Group. Great Minds in STEM is proud to return to Orlando, Florida for its 32<sup>nd</sup> Conference, entitled "Every Challenge, Every Frontier." At Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida, October 7-10, 2020, register now by visiting our website. See you in October.

### **About Great Minds in STEM™**

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County with a 32-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 21<sup>st</sup> 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).

### **About Northrop Grumman and the Northrop Grumman Foundation**

Northrop Grumman and the Northrop Grumman Foundation are dedicated to expanding and enhancing sustainable science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education opportunities for students globally. With an emphasis on middle school and university level students, our engineering and technology-based partnerships are designed to excite, engage and educate students as they defend cyber networks, engineer autonomous vehicles, explore space and more. In addition, we provide workforce-relevant professional development to middle school educators to advance their competence in teaching STEM subjects, in turn, inspiring students to explore STEM careers and increasing their STEM skills proficiency. In 2019, we contributed over 15 million dollars towards these initiatives.