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**Great Minds in STEM™ and Lockheed Martin Corporation Partnered for
Third Viva Technology™ Program of the School Year**

Monterey Park, CA, May 17, 2016 – Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) with the support of Lockheed Martin Corporation, showcased a three-part Viva Technology program at Lake International Middle School in Denver, Colorado on May 5 and 6.

Lake International Middle School welcomed GMiS and its Viva Technology™ program for the second consecutive year. GMiS' national K-12 education program is designed to engage students, teachers and parents with STEM challenges that stimulate their interest in the applications of technology and provide a STEM-focused career pathway. Both the Teacher and Parent Orientation took place on Thursday, May 5, and provided educators and parents with resourceful information needed to help encourage students excel in math and science and envision themselves as future engineers and scientists. Parent night guest speaker, Armando Castorena, Lockheed Martin Corporation's Vice President of Human Resources, was in attendance.

On Friday, May 7, approximately 100 students participated in Viva Technology™ Student Day. Selected students experienced a full day of STEM project-based exercises that challenge their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. Local STEM college students were on-hand to serve as College Captain near peer mentors and help their assigned teams through the challenges. The day's keynote speaker was Sean Vogel, the Program Performance Management Director from Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Assistant Principal of Lake International, Pamela Virden, was excited to have the program back at the campus and shared that the “ direct connection of our students with hands-on and engaging science work and connection to STEM careers, as well as the Near-Peer interactions between the college students and our students,” were the key program successes.

About Great Minds in STEM™

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County with a 28-year history of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national STEM awareness programs especially to underserved communities. Through the GMiS network, academic, career development and mentoring opportunities are offered to students who are underrepresented 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.