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**STEM-Up™ Initiative Supports Sunrise Elementary School During STARBASE**  
*STARBASE Helps Make STEM an Everyday Skill*

*Monterey Park, CA - May 6, 2014* - Through its longstanding partnership between Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS), Sunrise Elementary School, the Society of American Military Engineers, Los Angeles Post and Betance Enterprises, all fifth grade students from Sunrise Elementary School will have the opportunity to participate in a STARBASE youth program during the weeks of May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Sunrise Elementary School, a Boyle Heights community and STEM-Up™ Initiative school in Los Angeles, CA, will have two Sunrise fifth-grade groups exploring an inquiry-based curriculum with "hands-on, mind-on" experimental activities. They will study Newton's Laws and Bernoulli's principle; explore nanotechnology, navigation and mapping. The goal of the program is to expose youth to the technological environments and positive role models found on military bases and installations. Twenty to twenty-five hours of exemplary instruction will be provided, using a common core curriculum that meets or exceeds the national standards and that will nurture a winning network of collaborators and build mutual loyalty. GMiS CEO and Board Member, Anna M. Park alongside Col. Colloton ( USACE- LA District Commander ) will be touring STARBASE facilities and visiting participating students on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

**About STEM-Up™**

STEM-Up™ is a GMiS Initiative that provides a comprehensive community-based approach consisting of a value chain of opportunities to create Awareness, Inspiration, Motivation and Skills for students, parents, and educators. STEM-Up™ is designed to mobilize and create a college-going culture focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This first-of-its-kind initiative works with 18 public schools in the Boyle Heights area of East Los Angeles and connects 92,000 residents to the surrounding STEM community, consisting of higher learning institutions, government agencies, corporations and other partner organizations. STEM-Up™ is funded through a Department of Defense Contract as administered by the USACE, Los Angeles District office. To learn more about GMiS and STEM-Up™ please visit the Great Minds in STEM™ website at [www.greatmindsinstem.org](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org)

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