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HENAAC's Viva Technology Program to receive the President's Volunteer Service Award, Presented by the Beyond The Bell Branch of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

On May 4, 2005, HENAAC and the Viva Technology Program will receive the President's Volunteer Service Award at an event at the South Los Angeles New High School #1 in Los Angeles, CA. The Award is presented by the Beyond The Bell Branch of the LAUSD, a certifying organization for the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation with the LAUSD *Partnership Office* and *School Volunteer Program*.

The award was created to honor Americans, businesses and organization who aid the development and achievement of children who attend schools in the LAUSC and have inspired others to engage in volunteer service.

Carlos Casco, Mechanical Engineering student from California State University, Los Angeles will also be receiving an award for his continued support of the Viva Technology Program, in which he has served as a College Captain to students at Manual Arts High School and Roosevelt High School. Casco has also assisted students on the Max Q Robotics team at Manual Arts High School on the US First Robotics Competition.

The Viva Technology Program and Beyond The Bell have partnered in the creation of after-school Viva Technology programs at John Adams Middle School, Pacoima Middle School and Hollenbeck Middle School. For each after school session, students were given full lessons on a comprehensive variety of fields of engineering, including aeronautics and flight, aerospace engineering, civil and structural engineering, computer engineering, and electrical engineering.

About Viva Technology

Since its debut in 2001, the Viva Technology Program has been conducted at 40 sites across the nation, including locations in Northern and Southern California, Nevada, Texas, Illinois, Louisiana, Ohio, New Jersey and Florida, with more to be scheduled this year in Pennsylvania, Georgia and Virginia. Last year, Viva Technology launched its first after-school program at two Southern California schools, John Adams and Pacoima

Middle Schools. Hollenbeck Middle School has been added to the After School Viva program in 2005. For more information about Viva Technology, visit: www.henaac.org

HENAAC Mission Statement: To enlighten our nation about the achievements of Hispanics in engineering, science, technology, and math; to motivate and educate more students to pursue careers in these fields; to increase the role the Hispanic community plays in maintaining America's status as the world's technology leader.

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