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CIA and HENAAC Present Viva Technology Day in Silver Spring

Montgomery Blair High School students encouraged to study math and science

(Silver Spring, Maryland) Mar 17, 2006 - With a generous grant from the **Central Intelligence Agency, HENAAC** is preparing to bring its acclaimed Viva Technology Program to Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, Maryland on Thursday, March 16, and Friday, March 17, 2006. The Central Intelligence Agency supports HENAAC's dedication to increasing awareness of engineering and technical fields to middle and high school students.

“Students should be able to demonstrate that their intellectual curiosity extends beyond the classroom. It's the one thing that will set them apart from peers with the same major and similar GPA.” Said John Corkill, Chief of Staff in the Chief Scientists Office. Mr. Corkill, will be the keynote speaker for the Viva Technology Day with the goal of highlighting to the students a professional day in the field and what it takes to be an engineer.

Administered by HENAAC, the student component of the program features guest speakers from the CIA, as well as science and engineering students from the University of Maryland and Howard University. 150 high school students will work through a series of fun and competitive challenges designed to help them learn about engineering and science. At the end of the day, students receive a Viva Technology Student Planner, which contains tools designed to improve student academic achievement in virtually every aspect of the learning experience. They also have a chance to win prizes; including CD players, digital cameras and the grand prize of a laptop computer.

Parents of participating students can attend an information session the night prior to the Viva Technology event. This session provides information on college admissions, scholarships, work-study programs and other resources that will enable students to pursue studies and careers in engineering and science.

About Viva Technology

Since its debut in 2001, the Viva Technology Program has been conducted at over 45 sites across the nation, including locations in Northern and Southern California, Nevada, Texas, Chicago,

Louisiana, Georgia, Ohio, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida, with more to be scheduled this year. www.henaac.org.

About the CIA

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