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**Viva Technology Returns to Highland Oaks Middle School to inspire the next generation of engineers and scientists.**

Miami, FL – For the second year in a row, HENAAC is bringing its nationally acclaimed Viva Technology! program to Highland Oaks Middle School, with support from the Motorola Foundation. The event will take place Thursday, April 21, 2005. Highland Oaks is a feeder school to Krop High School.

The daylong program works to motivate the students to pursue careers in engineering and science. The first Viva Technology Day at Highland Oaks took place April 23, 2004. Guest speaker for the day was Jaime Boras, Corporate Vice President and Director of the iDEN Subscriber Advanced Technologies department of Motorola.

At this event, science and engineering students from Florida International University and The University of Miami will guide teams of students through a series of fun and competitive challenges designed to help them learn about engineering and science. Keynote speaker for the event is Jose Bravo, the Senior Electrical Engineer for the iDEN Mobile Devices division of Motorola, Inc. At the end of the day, students are provided with a Viva Technology Student Planner, a powerful suite of tools designed to improve student academic achievement in virtually every aspect of the learning experience. They also have a chance to win high tech prizes, including personal CD players, digital cameras and a laptop computer.

The students' parents will participate in a separate workshop on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, that will provide information on college admissions, scholarships, work study programs and other areas that will enable them to help the students pursue their studies and eventual careers in engineering and science.

**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, Chicago, Louisiana, Ohio, New Jersey and Florida, with more to be scheduled this year in. 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](http://www.henaac.org).

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