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**Viva Technology And The Motorola Foundation Return to Chicago, this time to Benito Juarez High School, to inspire the next generation of engineers and scientists.**

Chicago,IL – For the first time, HENAAC is bringing its nationally acclaimed Viva Technology! program to Benito Juarez High School, with support from the Motorola Foundation. Earlier in March students at the Keller Gifted Regional Center hosted a Viva Technology day and its success was largely in part to the students excitement in the program. This time around Viva Technology will visit Juarez High on April 29, 2005. Juarez High's academic community offers specialty programs such as the Options for Knowledge program in computer technology as well as a CAD program geared toward students interested in careers in architecture.

The daylong program works to motivate the students to pursue careers in engineering and science. The agenda will feature a guest speaker from Motorola as well as an informative session for parents of students the night before the Viva Technology day event takes place at Juarez High.

At this event, science and engineering students from local universities will guide teams of students through a series of fun and competitive challenges designed to help them learn about engineering and science. At the end of the day, students are provided with a Viva Technology Student Planner, a powerful set 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 grand-prize of a laptop computer.

The students' parents will participate in a separate workshop on Thursday, April 28th, 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, please visit: [www.henaac.org](http://www.henaac.org).

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