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**HENAAC AND THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TAG
TEAM TO BRING A SECOND SUCCESSFUL VIVA TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAM TO LAS VEGAS**

Las Vegas, NV – For the second year in a row, with the help of Special Emphasis Program Manager Linda Rivera, the United States Bureau of Reclamation is supporting Viva Technology in providing another successful program for MESA Program Schools in Clark County, Nevada. Participating schools include Desert Pines High School, Durango High School, Mojave High School, Monaco Middle School, O' Callaghan Middle School, West Middle School, Hug High School, Traner Middle School and Bridger Middle School. The Viva Technology Day will be held at the University and Community College System of Nevada's Desert Research Institute, a non-profit educational research facility in Las Vegas. The Director of the Increasing Diversity in Nevada (IDIN) Program, Dr. Paul Buck, will be addressing the students during the program.

On Viva Technology Day, science and engineering students from the University of Nevada Las Vegas will guide 100 Clark County School District students through a series of fun and competitive challenges designed to help them learn about engineering and science. Students will have an opportunity to engage their college captains in dialogue about college life, career paths and personal ambitions.

The Viva Technology Day will feature keynote speaker Heidi Arriola, Field Sales Engineer for the U.S. Filter Company. Arriola is responsible for providing Activated Carbon solutions in filtering systems for clients across the Western United States. Arriola holds a B.S. Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of California at Los Angeles. She is currently the Professional Development Committee Chairperson for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Los Angeles (SHPE LA). Arriola is a former HENAAC Student Coordinator and longtime volunteer for the HENAAC, SHPE, and the Center for Advancement of Hispanics in Science and Engineering Education (CAHSEE).

The program will also include an instructional orientation for the parents of Viva Technology students, to be held at nearby Monaco Middle School.

For more information about the Viva Technology Program, visit www.henaac.org. HENAAC is a 501 (c) 3 corporation that focuses on educational programs promoting careers in engineering, science, technology and mathematics.