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**GREAT Minds in STEM Education Programs STEM-Up™
& Viva Technology Celebrates School Pride**

**Hollenbeck Middle School
Boyle Heights, California
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Great Minds in STEM and its education programs STEM-Up™ Initiative and the Viva Technology program were on site to support one of our local schools. Hollenbeck Middle School was selected by NBC to be part of a new TV show entitled, School Pride. This week long event allowed GMiS staff to collaborate with the NBC show “School Pride” and provide support for the remodeling of one of our STEM-Up Initiative partner schools. Team members were involved in various capacities. They helped at the welcome center, teachers classrooms, and landscaping.

The community was there to support the school. Hundreds of volunteers took part in the beautification project. “School Pride” mentioned that their cap of volunteers for each time slot was set at 200 people and they exceeded that number on the day that STEM-Up was there. Some people were even turned away and/or asked to return at a later date or time. Among the volunteers were the Roosevelt High School Basketball teams as well as City Year and AmeriCorps. One of the STEM-Up team members and graduate of Hollenbeck Middle School was happy to lend his support and see the transformation of his former Alma Matter.

Overall, the experience was worthwhile as Hollenbeck is one of the STEM Up schools that we support. In addition, it was an opportunity to help one of our community schools in its process to improve the school and surrounding community.

Welcome Back students, happy new school year.



About the STEM-Up™ Initiative: **STEM-Up™** is a first of its kind initiative that will bring Science, Technology, Engineering and Math college and career pathways to light through comprehensive strategies that integrate STEM into schools and underserved communities. This Great Minds in STEM initiative is funded through a contract from the Department of Defense as administered by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District office.

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