



About Great Minds in STEM

Providing STEM Education, Outreach and Recognition Programs that Create Awareness, Advocate Readiness, and Celebrate Success!

K-12 Programs

2001: The **Viva Technology** Program was created to engage underserved and underrepresented youth, teachers and parents with STEM opportunities that provide exposure, appreciation, motivation and access to STEM-related education and career fields. Since then, Viva Technology has been implemented in 18 states and the District of Columbia, reaching over **137,000 students**, teachers and parents!

2008: The **STEM-Up** Initiative, a first-of-its-kind comprehensive community-based program, was introduced in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of East Los Angeles. The initiative implements a value chain of opportunities to create Awareness, Inspiration, Motivation and Skills for students from 20 public schools, their parents, and teachers. Locally based STEM entities are actively engaged in associated activities.

Professional Programs

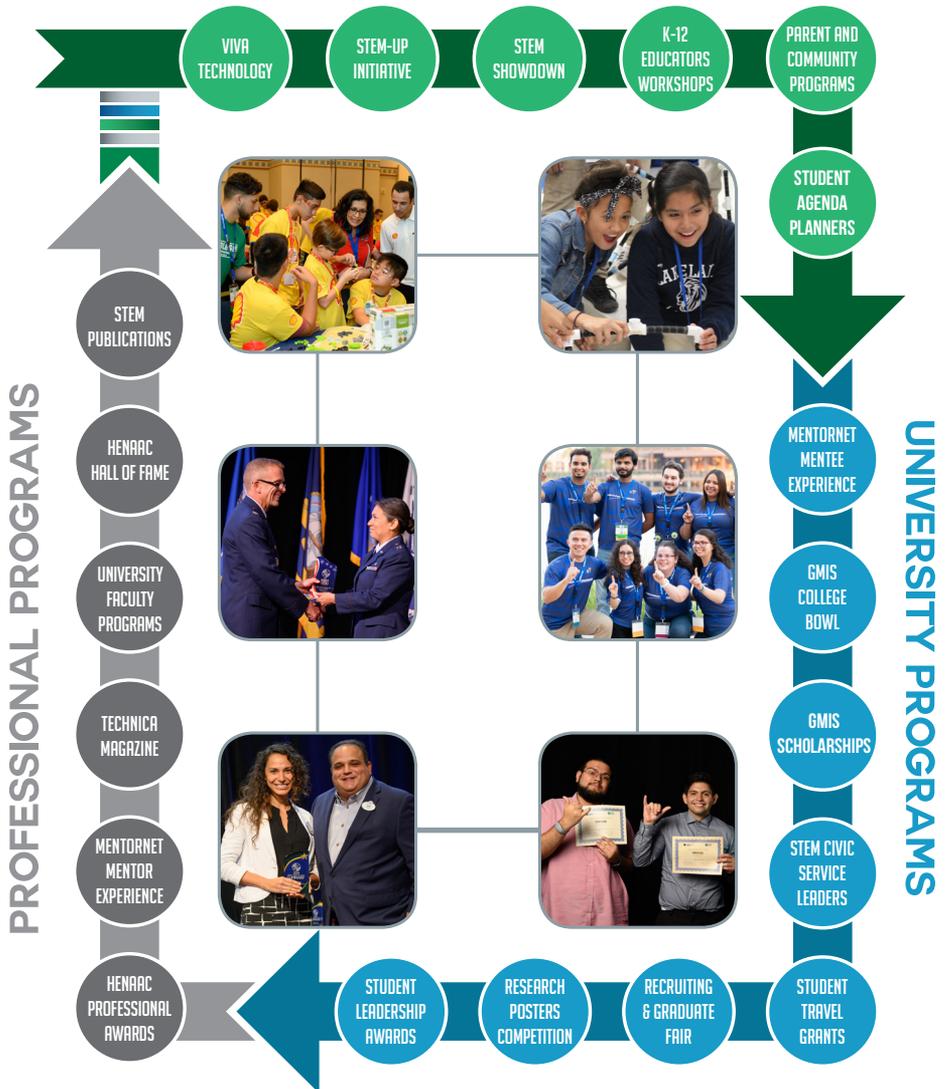
1989: The first **HENAAC Conference** (now the GMiS Conference) was held as a means to identify, honor and document the contributions of outstanding Hispanic STEM professionals.

2015: GMiS, along with its 6 sister STEM diversity organizations, receives support from the **National Science Foundation (NSF)** for a collaborative research project titled **ASSIST**, to increase the representation of underserved, early-career, engineering faculty. The success of this project led to a broader **NSF INCLUDES** award (#1649384) for a design and development launch project titled **LEVERAGE**.

2016: The **CAHSI Summit** collocated with the HENAAC Conference to support the advancement of Hispanic students and diverse faculty in computing.

2018: Great Minds in STEM receives a prestigious Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM) from the White House and the National Science Foundation.

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University Programs

1999: The inaugural **GMiS College Bowl** is held. This very popular conference competition provides an experience unlike any other for entities to interact with students.

2000: The **GMiS Scholars Program** launches. Since then over 1,500 STEM students have received scholarships totaling more than **\$4.6 million**.

2014: **MentorNet** becomes a division of Great Minds in STEM. Through MentorNet, GMiS offers structured virtual mentoring year-round, leveraging technology to match STEM students with professional mentors. Any STEM student at an accredited institution of higher education in the U.S. and professionals with STEM degrees may join.

2018: GMiS is awarded the inaugural U.S. Army CCDC HBCU/MI Student Design Competition. This competition provides undergraduate cross disciplinary teams with the opportunity to research and compete in a topic area of the Army's interest.

2019: GMiS introduces the first recipients of the California Medical Scholarships and the Health Scholarships. These programs provide financial assistance and support for underrepresented students pursuing medical degrees in California.