

MONTEREY PARK, CA, April 23, 2014 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Great Minds in STEM (GMiS) CEO and Board Member Anna M. Park, will be among a network of expert panelists, speaking on "Serving Underserved Youth," on April 25, 2014, at the U.S. News STEM Solutions - National Leadership Conference, in Washington D.C. The conference, Where Employers and Educators Meet, is presented by the U.S. News & World Report, and will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, where GMiS will also be an exhibitor.

The panelists will address the growing number of in-school and out-of-school programs aimed at advancing STEM education in historically underserved communities. Participants in this seminar will discuss how to create programs that show great potential for actively engaging youth in 21st Century learning, incorporating STEM into their daily works, providing necessary funding, partnering with local schools and community groups, and effectively providing a clear career pathway.

In 2012, Ray Mellado, GMiS Chairman and Founder, was among the initial class of inductees into the U.S. News STEM Leadership Hall of Fame. In 2013, Dr. Dan Arvizu, GMiS past board member, was inducted. This year, GMiS has been invited to be part of the U.S. News STEM Advisory Council, and will be represented by Board Member Maria E. Ruess, Vice President Business Development Analysis, Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company.

To learn more about GMiS during the U.S. News STEM Solutions Leadership Conference, visit booth #510.

Great Minds in STEM is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County. GMiS is proud to celebrate 26 years of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) awareness programs for students, parents and teachers in underserved communities; providing opportunities for the academic and career development of underrepresented students and professionals in STEM; and honoring the excellent contributions of our nation's Hispanic engineers and scientists. With a national presence through its education programs as well as its college and professional offerings, the organization is working to ensure that the U.S. maintains its status as the world's technology leader. For more information, please contact Julie Magallanes-Guevara, Manager of Public Affairs at (213) 435-9934 or (323) 262-0997 ext. 628 and visit the Great Minds in STEM website at www.greatmindsinstem.org.