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FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION WEEK 2 OUR DESIGN IS DONE!!

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Week 2 of our robotics competition has come to an end. We have some really exciting news to share with you! It looks like we have finally come to a decision about the design of our robot. We had some heated discussions but we worked together and came up with some awesome ideas. We are so appreciative for all the help from our alumni, our mentors from WDI, which include Mike, Joel and Mike W. In addition, Howard Stahl from SMC is also a great help and our programmers are thrilled with his enthusiasm. Dan from MOOG has also been a great help to our team and will be here this week with some tips. Today, we had Roy from the LAPD Bomb Squad assisting us. He told us some fascinating stories and promised to come back to help us in the future.



Mortorq tv show airs first episode by Matt Wunderlich



MorTorq is extremely excited about the launch of its first TV show, MorTorq TV. MorTorq TV covers up-to-date current events and news focusing on MorTorq, such as building progress, events, and completion details. The show will also include segments focusing on technology and robotics news in general, interviews,

tips-and-tricks and robotic related skits. In the coming episodes there will also be the debut of the highly anticipated segment "How- To with Hao Tu," in which sophomore Hao Tu will take viewers through an informative how-to. MorTorq TV, produced and directed by junior Matthew Wunderlich and co-produced by junior Carlo Flascha, is hosted by junior Andrew Buckley and sophomore Jesse Carmona. The world premiere episode of MorTorq TV aired on KBEV on January 12 and is being repeated over the weekend. The show is also available

for download on YouTube at youtube.com/mortorqtv with the first episode at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qqvBlwbhqA>. There are also plans to have the show available in iTunes, so viewers with more on-the-go lifestyles can stay up-to-date with what they need to know. The show is a great way for MorTorq to reach out to the community.

Spotlight on our Alumni



NICK SARNOFF---Nick Sarnoff was a very important team member for Mortorq during the past two years. He was the team co-president and contributed a great deal to the BHHS robotics program. Nick graduated last year and now attends Duke University. Nick is majoring in Bio-Tech engineering but returned this year during his winter break to act as a mentor for the team. According to Nick, "Schools teach us many things, but they do not teach us why we need to learn. As students we need inspiration and motivation—we need help discovering our dreams. FIRST Robotics is not like school. In robotics we are learning how to design a robot, how to fabricate its parts, how to obtain funding, how to build community support. We are

learning to improvise, organize, specialize; and we are learning to prioritize, strategize, and optimize; we learn to do it in six weeks; three months; a year. We are learning to solve bigger problems one step at a time, and FIRST teaches us about solving problems and why that is important. It teaches us about working together and a little about our dreams. FIRST Robotics is an invaluable asset for students." Mr. Sarnoff plans on attending a regional competition to help team 1515 and has promised to continue his involvement throughout his college years.

All Wrapped Up--by Taryn Black

On the busiest weekend of the Holiday season, Team 1515 volunteered at Century City, wrapping presents for shoppers. Our enthusiastic team members did an amazing job wrapping gifts, all of the customers were definitely satisfied. We encouraged shoppers to support our wonderful program by donating in return for the gifts we wrapped. Our business captain, Andrew Buckley organized the whole event and he did a fabulous job. We were able to fund raise over 800 dollars. This was our very first fundraiser of the season and we are off to a great start. Thank you to everyone that donated your time and wrapping skills. Keep up the good work.

Robotics Team members in New Orleans

Members of the BHHS Robotics Team went to New Orleans last week to help build houses for the Habitat For Humanity Organization. Team co-president Zachary Kahn and business captain Andrew Buckley both spent 5 days in New Orleans volunteering their time to make a difference in a community which is still trying to get back to normal. Both Zach and Andrew are members of the BHHS student government organization which is known as ASB. The trip was open to members of student government and the experience was memorable.

Thank you to our wonderful supporters!

Thank you to the following people that supported us this week. Individual donations: The Rothner Family, The Dorian Family, The Hong Family, Mr. Kim. We would also like to thank the following people for supplying us with food and nourishment: Oshrit Dorian, Jonathan Setabriata, The Bohbot Family and the Rothner Family. We really appreciate your support.

BHHS robotics is funded solely by donations and corporate sponsorships. All business aspects of the program are run by the Beverly Hills High School ROP Entrepreneurship classes taught by Eileen Kahn. If you are interested in supporting our

team either as a mentor or as a financial contributor, please contact Eileen Kahn at eileenkahn@gmail.com.

Sincerely, TEAM 1515, BHHS ROBOTICS

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