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Greetings!



We shipped out our robot and everyone on our team is relieved and exhausted. We worked hundreds of hours and are proud that we were able to complete so much in such a short period of time. We turned in our Autodesk Visualization submission on February 16th and we are very proud of our animation team for all of their hard work and dedication. Our website looks terrific and our robot is functioning. We are busy working on programming and driving and it was great to see our robot actually work! Nicole Weinstein, a freshman on our team, worked very hard in order to write a Chairman's Award submission and we are so proud of her and everyone that worked with her to achieve this goal. We had a great time at our pre-ship event which was hosted by Hawthorne High School and it was great to start working with other teams and see their accomplishments as well. Thank you to all of our team members that assisted Hawthorne with the event registration and set-up.

Important Dates:

March 8-10---Los Angeles Regional at the Sports Arena
March 29-31---Denver Regional
April 12-14---FIRST Championship in Atlanta
April 15th---BHEF Classics for Charity Car Show.

May 21-June 1---Muscular Dystrophy spare change drive.

Team 1515 Receives Proclamation from the Mayor



On February 20th, just hours after our robot shipped, Team 1515 received a prestigious honor. Steve Webb, Mayor of Beverly Hills, presented Eileen Kahn and some team members with a proclamation from the City honoring us for all of our achievements and community involvement. We are very proud to achieve this recognition within our community and are committed to continuing our goal to increase awareness of our program. You can view the entire text of the proclamation on our website.

Read the Proclamation

Team 1515 Recycles to Improve the Future

by Jordan Istrin

Team 1515 worked hard during the six week building period and was forced to consume many of their meals and drinks in the robotics room. Inspired by his AP Environmental Teacher, Robotics President Zach Kahn encouraged teammates to recycle their water bottles and soda cans which accumulated in the robotics room. According to Zach Kahn, "My teacher, Ms. Utley taught me the importance of improving our future and those of generations to come by recycling our waste." The team received \$59.15 in cash for their recyclables. The team continues to be aware of their impact on the environment and is still collecting empty bottles and cans in an effort to do something positive for the future.



Future Business Leader



Andrew Buckley

by Linda Suh

Many people fail to recognize what they do not immediately see before them. For example, the business team is an important aspect of our program. Although the building, animation, and web design teams are essential to the MorTorq family, the business team is what really allows all of these other teams to function. The business team provides the monetary funds that make building robots, animating cartoons, designing graphics, and attending

competitions possible. The main man behind the business team, Andrew Buckley, can be arguably one of the most crucial people in the BHHS Robotics Team. Taking the spotlight as the new business captain, Andrew Buckley has contributed to the MorTorq team in many aspects not limited to business. Buckley is also the main writer for the new TV show, MorTorq TV, which he calls "one of his greatest accomplishments." Andrew has been an active member of the BHHS Robotics Team since the 2006 season, and continues to be one because he "loves the competitions, people, message of FIRST, community, and the opportunities to learn more." When asked about his personal goals for this year, Andrew replied by saying "I WANT US TO WIN THE CHAIRMAN'S AWARD!!!!!!!!!!!" (Yes, with that many exclamation marks). With his spontaneous and energetic ardor, Andrew also hopes to make an impact on the community by inspiring the ideals of FIRST to the incoming grades and fellow students. Now after all this, who can't love a man like Andrew Buckley? We sure can!

Fundraising Dinner is a Success

On February 18th, Team 1515 held it's second major fundraiser of the season. We are thrilled to announce that we raised over \$1,600 for the evening. A very special thanks to the Istrin Family for hosting our fundraiser at their home. Additionally, we would like to thank Mr. Angel Say and family for the delicious main course and thanks to Louis Kahn and Oshrit Dorian for the yummy salads. Also, thank you to Julie and Don Fluegel for the cookies, drinks and all of the plates and flatware. Thank you to everyone who helped by lending us their tables and chairs. We want to thank everyone who made this program a reality by their individual contributions. We really appreciate everything and believe that our success is due to our support in our community!

Thanks to our Major Sponsors!

Team 1515 is grateful to have so many wonderful sponsors. Our program would not exist without the generosity of our community and our corporate sponsors. Walt Disney Imagineering, The Beverly Hilton Hotel, Mercedes-Benz of Beverly Hills, The Beverly Hills ROP program, MOOG Aircraft Group, The Rosenblatt Family, and the BHHS PTSA are all vital to our program.

Additionally, we would like to thank the following families for donating \$500 or more to our program. Linda & Edward Brown, The Phillips Family, The Gabbay Family, The Hong Family, and The Istrin Family.

Team 1515 is grateful for the financial support!

The team would also like to thank David Seidel and Jake Dorian for helping to perfect our robot. A special thanks goes to Erich Sorger and his dad for fixing our crate. Additionally, thank you to all the parents who assisted the team by driving to and from the Pre-ship Scrimmage. We appreciate all the help!!

This fabulous newsletter is financed by our own PTSA.

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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