

## **Arizona, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan FIRST Robotics Teams, Students Gear Up for Competition with \$230,000 from The Chrysler Foundation**

- Latest round of grants will enable an estimated 1,100 students to participate in FIRST Robotics Competition and FIRST Tech Challenge programs
- Since 1995, The Chrysler Foundation has awarded more than \$2.3 million in grants to FIRST programs

December 15, 2014, Auburn Hills, Mich. - The Chrysler Foundation today announced more than \$230,000 in grants to support students participating in [FIRST Robotics Competition \(FRC\)](#) (grades 9-12) and [FIRST Tech Challenge \(FTC\)](#) (grades 7-12) programs in Arizona, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. In total, The Chrysler Foundation will distribute 47 grants to help young people discover and develop a passion for science, technology, engineering and math.

**VIDEO:** Students share their FIRST experiences – <http://youtu.be/lppTdkRcoXs>.

“Chrysler Group’s ability to compete and succeed in the future depends in part upon our ability to maintain the pipeline of students that pursue STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) careers,” said John Nigro, Head of NAFTA Product Development – Chrysler Group LLC. “The real-world experience that students gain through their participation in FIRST is invaluable in preparing students for the future.”

The Chrysler Foundation grants – ranging from \$750 to \$5,000 per team – will enable an estimated 1,100 middle and high school students to participate in regional and district competitions. Subsequently, The Chrysler Foundation will award a total of \$21,000 in grants to teams that advance to the [2015 FIRST Championship](#), April 22-25, 2015 in St. Louis, MO.

“The Chrysler Foundation is proud to play a role in helping students discover the rewards and excitement of education and careers in science, technology, engineering and math,” said Jody Trapasso, Senior Vice President - External Affairs, Chrysler Group LLC and President of The Chrysler Foundation. “We are equally proud of our employees who generously give their time and skills to help mentor students and serve as competition coordinators.”

### **The Chrysler Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to each of the following FRC teams:**

Format: School(s) – Team Name, Team Number

#### **Arizona**

Kingman High School – Bionic Bulldogs, 60

#### **Illinois**

Belvidere, Belvidere North & North Boone High Schools – Flaming Monkeys 4-H Robotics Club, 3352

#### **Indiana**

Northwestern High School (Kokomo) – CyberTooth, 3940

Western High School (Russiaville) – Panthertech, 292

#### **Michigan**

Almont High School – Shock and Awe-sum, 4961

Ann Arbor Huron High School – The RatPack, 830

Berkley, Hazel Park and Shrine Catholic High Schools – Da Bears, 247

Birmingham Seaholm and Birmingham Groves High Schools – Automation Nation, 2960

Bishop Foley Catholic High School (Madison Heights) – The Foley Freeze, 910  
 Bloomfield Hills High School – Bionic Black Hawks, 2834  
 Brandon and Holly High Schools – Truck Town Thunder, 68  
 Capac Community Schools – Metal and Soul, 2604  
 Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School (Marine City) – RoboSapiens, 4779  
 Chelsea High School – Technical Difficulties, 1502  
 Dundee High School – Dundee Vi-Borgs, 4395  
 Genesee Robotics Area Youth Team (Fenton) – GRAYT, 1322  
 Goodrich High School – Martians and More Martians, 494 and 70 (Note: Teams will share a single \$5,000 grant)  
 Grand Blanc High School – EngiNERDs, 2337  
 Hartland High School – Electro Eagles, 3536  
 Imlay City High School – Spartronics, 5048  
 Lake Orion High School – The Dragons, 302  
 Lapeer County Ed-Tech – Galaktech Invaders, 3535  
 Linden High School – RoboEagles, 3568  
 Macomb Academy of Arts and Sciences (Armada) – Fighting Pi, 1718  
 Marysville High School – ViBots, 5167  
 Notre Dame Preparatory (Auburn Hills) – Killer Bees, 33  
 Oakland Tech Northeast (Pontiac) – The Juggernauts, 1  
 OSMTech Academy at Clarkston High School – Team RUSH, 27  
 Our Lady of the Lakes High School (Waterford) – Lakers, 5053  
 Oxford Community Schools (Oxford) – TORC, 2137  
 Pontiac High School – The Wings of Fire, 51  
 Rochester Adams and Stoney Creek High Schools (Rochester Hills) – Adambots, 245  
 Rochester High School (Rochester Hills) – The FEDS, 201  
 Skyline High School (Ann Arbor) – Eagle Imperium, 3322  
 South Lake High School (St. Clair Shores) – The Mighty CavBots, 5214  
 South Lyon Community Schools and South Lyon Robotics – The Flying Toasters, 3641  
 Southeastern High School of Technology (Detroit) – JungleBots, 4851  
 Stevenson, Henry Ford II and Utica High Schools – Crevolution, 2851  
 Walled Lake Schools – The Monsters, 308  
 Warren Consolidated Schools – Steel Armadillos, 818  
 Waterford Kettering High School – The Captains, 3098

**The Chrysler Foundation awarded a \$750 grant to each of the following FTC teams (all in Michigan):**

Bloomfield Hills Middle School – Mechanical Monkeys, 7047  
 Home Middle School (Fenton) – Lightning Boltz, 5954  
 Life Learning Community School (Ann Arbor) – The GearCats, 7305  
 Linden Middle School – Battle Blazers, 7031  
 Our Lady of the Lakes (Waterford) – OLL Laker Bots, 8133

Additionally, [FIRST in Michigan](#) will receive a \$2,500 grant to support its [FIRST LEGO League](#) program, which introduces students (grades 4-8) to the fun and excitement of science and technology.

**Additional facts about The Chrysler Foundation's support of FIRST:**

- In 2014, The Chrysler Foundation awarded grants to 41 U.S. and Canadian-based robotics teams.
  - 34 of those teams were based in the United States: 1 in Arizona; 1 in Illinois; 2 in Indiana; and 30 in Michigan, which led the nation in the number of registered FIRST Robotics Teams;
  - 14 of the 41 teams sponsored by The Chrysler Foundation (12 Michigan and 2 Canadian teams) qualified to compete in 2014 FIRST Championship. Overall, 400 teams competed in the FIRST Championship;
    - Team RUSH, CSM Tech Academy and Clarkston High School, Clarkston, Mich., received the prestigious *Championship Chairman's Award*. Camron Razdar, a member of Team RUSH, was one of 10 National Dean's List Winners.

- 70 U.S.-based Chrysler Group employees served as FRC team mentors; employees also supported regional and district events as competition coordinators and event volunteers.
- Since 1995, The Chrysler Foundation, a [FIRST Founding Sponsor](#), has invested more than \$2.3 million to support FIRST programs in the United States and Canada.
- Go “Inside the Hive” with the Killer Bees FRC team – read “Dream Factory” ( <http://bit.ly/1v3AxpH>) on ChryslerGroup360.com.

#### **About The Chrysler Foundation**

The Chrysler Foundation, the charitable arm of Chrysler Group LLC, has established a proud legacy of empowering people and investing in local communities. The Chrysler Foundation focuses its support on four key areas: Education: K-12 and post-secondary education initiatives that encourage the study and pursuit of careers in business, design, science, technology, engineering, mathematics or supply-chain management; Military: support for the nation's service members and their families in need; Multicultural / Diversity: initiatives that promote inclusion and advancement opportunities for diverse populations; and Youth Development: organizations and programs that provide mentoring and related assistance to aid youth in the transition to adulthood.

Since its inception in 1953, The Chrysler Foundation has awarded more than \$500 million in charitable grants.

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