

DENNIS CORPORATION SUPPORTS LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – In an effort to aid high school students in their pursuit of education, Dennis Corporation donated \$150 to Blythewood High School's For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Robotics (FIRST) team. This donation goes toward helping the students to purchase the necessary supplies for their robot.

FIRST Robotics is an organization dedicated to promoting young people's interest in and love of science and technology. In accordance with their mission, they hold the Palmetto Regional competition that will be in North Charleston this year.

The students receive a kit with some basic supplies and then are free to collectively design and program their own robot. A challenge is presented to the students during the competition and their success hinges on how well they have developed their robot. "We've really developed our skills in the areas of electrical and mechanical systems, as well as programming, and expect this year's robot to be a success at the given challenge," said Andrew Patterson, captain of Blythewood's FIRST Robotics Team.

Dennis Corporation is honored to help these young future professionals continue to grow in their knowledge and love of engineering. Dennis Corporation has several employees who live in the Blythewood area and is active in the Blythewood Chamber of Commerce.

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Group photo of Blythewood High School's FIRST



Blythewood High School's FIRST Robot

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RE: Contribution to the Blythewood High School FIRST Robotics team, 2011

As Captain of this year's Blythewood High School FIRST Robotics team, I would like to personally thank you for your contribution to our team this year. The Blythewood High School FIRST Robotics team brings together students, teachers, parents, industry and the community **F**or **I**nspiration and **R**ecognition of **S**cience and **T**echnology to grow our next generation of creative leaders.

Your contribution of \$150 has allowed us to purchase supplies for the robot in order to participate in this year's Palmetto Regional competition, sponsored by The Citadel, in North Charleston, S.C. We are ahead of schedule on our design and build process and have great expectations for this year's pneumatics. Our webpage reviews last year's team and follows this year's progress. Check it out at http://www.bh.richland2.org/~bgillam/Site_4/Home.html. We've really developed our skills in the areas of electrical and mechanical systems, as well as programming, and expect this year's robot to be a success at the given challenge. You can view this year's game animation at <http://usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/frc/content.aspx?id=18762> if you're interested in what we're trying to accomplish for the competition.

Being part of FRC has been one of the highlights of my high school years and has definitely affected my decisions for college. I know the others on the team feel the same way. Thank you again for your support which has allowed us to continue with this impactful learning experience.

Sincerely,

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