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Career Center FIRST Robotics Team Looking for New Members

JACKSON, Mich. – The Jackson Area Career Center’s FIRST Robotics team – the Jacktown Vectors – is looking for students and adults with diverse talents to be part of this year’s robot build and competitions.

Organizers will hold an informational meeting for interested students, parents, and mentors on Wednesday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the Career Center.

“We are looking for students who like to work together as a team to build, problem-solve, and promote a robot that is built for competition,” said William Farrant, a Career Center instructor and FIRST Robotics team coordinator.

Students interested in science, technology, engineering or mathematics will enjoy the designing, building and problem-solving portion of the project, but also needed are students interested in business and communications to promote the team, create a web site, create graphics, produce t-shirts and banners, as well as the organize fund raising activities. A

Adult mentors interested in coaching students, and business professionals interested in sponsoring the Jackson-based team, are also welcome.

The robot building is scheduled to start Saturday, Jan. 5, with completion in late February. Work sessions will be held after school at the Career Center, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm., Mondays-Fridays with some possible Saturday meetings.

The team will use creativity and ingenuity to build a robot that responds to remote commands and carries out tasks based on this year’s FIRST Robotic guidelines within an environment that encourages “gracious professionalism”. Teams start with a box of standard parts and rules and have six weeks to prepare a robot for competition.

Teams from across Michigan compete at scheduled regional and statewide competitions to see which robots can accomplish the tasks of the competition best. More details on timelines and meeting dates will be covered at the informational meeting.

More information about FIRST Robotics can be found online at www.usfirst.org.

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Photo Caption:

Former Career Center students Trent Drake and Cody Cochran work on the 2011 robot in-between matches at Wayne State University.

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