

January

Season is finally here here! MorTorq, Team 1515 is excited as they finish their pre-season work. The FRC Kickoff is now in process, and our skilled build team has began preparing and brainstorming for the efficient robot their determined to build. Our team is currently meeting four hours a day, and they spend many hours on the weekends preparing for the deadlines that have to be met, and other events that are approaching. Although it can be stressful at times, we stay positive and we are all excited to perform well and bring back the Chairman's Award for the third time! During this time, we have the opportunity to find mentoring teams, enabling us to share ideas that would be beneficial. We are familiarizing ourselves with the FIRST theme game, and aligning our mission towards winning at competition. The competition, Aerial Assists is played by two competing alliances each composed of three robots. This year's theme is recycling, and our team is strategizing the best way to build its three robots that will be successful during the competition. At this point, it is vital for us to all work together and be focused on our tasks.

Currently, our business team is prioritizing on creating a second event featuring "Celebrating Stem". The purpose of this event is to celebrate and recognize the achievements, talents and pursuits of the Society of Women Engineers. Our main vision is to inspire minorities and new generations to explore careers and pathways of engineering, science, and technology; and our team is also inviting the Girl Scouts to this event in hopes to spark their interest in the fields of STEM.

In addition, one of our business members are working on setting up a fundraiser at Blaze Pizza. We hope that all of our friends and family will come out to support us. We are hoping that we can hold this fundraiser on February 6, 2015. The business team is also finishing up the last touches of the Chairmans Essay, We are going to present this to the judges, as it will consist of MorTorq's accomplishments and emphasis on our teams motto. We hope to meet new teams and to revisit our past friends.

Past Events:

- Start of season: January 3rd, Beverly Hills High School, to get ready to win competition.
- Pre-season: September 1st - December 31st, Beverly Hills High School, we have finished all our preseason work and are ready for competition.

Up-Coming Events:

- Celebrating STEM: To celebrate and recognize the achievements, talents and pursuits of the Society of Women Engineers.

- Chairmans Essay: February 18th, we are going to complete an essay to present to the judges, consisting of MorTorq's accomplishments and our teams motto.
- Los Angeles Regional: March 11-14th, our whole team is going to compete at competition.
- FRC Ventura Regional: March 27th-29th, Ventura College, we are going to have certain members of our team travel to compete with other robotics teams.
- Blaze Pizza: February 6th, at Blaze Pizza, to raise money for our team.

Meet Our New Students:



Farbod Rafezy

What grade are you in? 11th

What subgroup are you in? Programming

What do you like most about robotics? I like working with my teammates to make things that were never possible.

State a fun fact about you: I like to go swimming.



Brandon Masjedian

What grade are you in? 10th

What subgroup are you in? Business

What do you like most about robotics? I like the collaborative aspect of the team.

State a fun fact about you: I am a goalie in water polo.