

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



This year, MorTorq is collaborating with HackerFund - a non profit organization to provide free programming workshops and events to students around Los Angeles. On Saturday and Sunday October 24th, 25th, we helped organize a Hackathon at Rhubarb Studio in downtown Los Angeles. As young innovative students and entrepreneurs get together to take part in this Hackathon, many of them created projects that aim to solve problems in our daily lives. We interviewed Ariella, one of our new programmers about her experience at the Hackathon.

Hi Ariella, can you tell me about your experience overall from the Hackathon? “It was a lot of fun, I met a lot of new people, and I gained a lot of experience. It really forced me to sit down and try to get my project done. I didn’t really know what to expect because I’ve never been to one before. I got a lot more experience in programming



because I made my first project using Java. My project was a rubiks cube solver. You can enter in the values for your rubiks cube and it would print to console the directions in order to solve the cube. There were some girls at the Hackathon but there were mostly males overall. It didn’t really affect anything but it was nice to see a lot of girls participating.”



A few of our team members took our award-winning robot to Sinai Akiba Academy to inspire young children across grade levels in STEM. They talked about how our team runs and FIRST as a whole.

Also, they spoke about how robotics and STEM is for everyone and anyone. FRC isn’t just about building the robot, but also about the programming, business, media, and more. There is a place for everyone in our team.

In an effort to keep up with the innovation of our team, we've redesigned our logo for this school year! Richard Liu - one of our Build leaders had came up with a new team design to be placed on our shirts, robot, our booth at competitions, and across all web and social media platforms.



Fundraisers are so important for this team and we are so excited for the ones coming up soon! The first one we have planned is at Sharky's Friday, November 13th. You can go anytime between 4pm - 9pm at the location of 435 N. Beverly Drive. We are also really looking forward to the fundraiser at Souplantation on Wednesday, November 25! You can stop by anytime between 5pm - 8pm at the location on 100 N. La Cienega Blvd. Although this last

fundraiser is a while from now, save the date for Wednesday, December 2nd at California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) on Beverly Drive. You can go anytime during the day and it also includes takeout!