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### **LAEF Leads the Charge to Send Robotics Team to Championship!**

(Los Alamitos, CA) – Did you know that the brand-new Los Alamitos High School Robotics Team won the Orange County FIRST Robotics Competition on April 2, which was the first competition they ever entered? The win qualifies them for the 2016 FIRST Robotics Championship from April 27-30 in St. Louis! Incredible news, but it created a problem for the team: how, in such a short time, would they be able to raise the funds to get there?

LAEF (Los Alamitos Education Foundation) heard about the situation and happily stepped in to help. LAEF's Board of Directors approved a donation of \$10,000 to fund the team's trip to the championship tournament, which was supported by the Seal Beach Lions Club at \$1000, Run Seal Beach at \$1000, and Alamitos Eye Care at \$500.

In addition, the Robotics Team was in desperate need of tools. Phillips Steel stepped up in a huge way by providing the team with nearly \$1000 in brand new tools! Ganahl Lumber invited the team on a shopping trip to acquire additional tools and supplies, free of charge!

"I am so excited for the Robotics Team's trip to the championship tournament! This is an extremely talented group of students who are establishing a team that will endure at LAHS for many years to come," says LAEF Executive Director Carrie Logue. "I am thrilled with the LAEF

Board's decision to provide funds, and with the amazing local businesses and organizations that heeded the call to support the Robotics Team!"

The LAHS Robotics team, officially named Team 6220: Build It Griffins Boeing Robotics, is coached by Mark Lengsfeld, owner of Build It Workspace. Boeing got the team off the ground by funding the robot and the county competition entrance fee. Los Alamitos Unified School District supplied the \$5000 fee to enter the World championship tournament. The team consists of students William Dang, Jacob Flynn, Grayson Galisky, Matt Guggiana, Evan Hartman, Nick Jones, Noel Limb, Andrew Stumpf, Wyatt Snyder and LAHS staff members Martin Valenzuela and Dan Bennett who serve as team mentors. Visit the team's website at [www.LosAlRobotics.com](http://www.LosAlRobotics.com) to learn more.

The team's robot is on its way to St. Louis at the moment, however, when the team returns, their robot will be on display at the LAEF STEAM Showcase on May 21, an initiative is funded by the King & Queen of Hearts campaign. LAEF is the non-profit partner of Los Alamitos Unified School District. LAEF enhances educational excellence in our community by providing after-school and summer enrichment programs to Pre-K to 12th grade students. For more information, visit [www.LAEF4kids.org](http://www.LAEF4kids.org) or call (562) 799-4700 Ext. 80424 today.

Pictured below from left to right: Front Row – LAEF Executive Director Carrie Logue, LAHS Teachers Martin Valenzuela and Dan Bennett, Noel Limb, Team Captain Nick Jones, LAEF President Sean Payne, Jacob Flynn, Superintendent Dr. Sherry Kropp. Back Row – John Osborn of Alamitos Eye Care, Daryl Phillips of Phillips Steel, Brandon Petersen of Ganahl Lumber, LAEF Treasurer Kevin Guetig, Grayson Galisky, Andrew Stumpf, Will Dang, LAEF Board Member Trini Jimenez, Team Coach Mark Lengsfeld, LAEF VP Theresa Blankenstein.

