

## NONPROFITS

# MONEY FOR ROBOTS

The Long Island FIRST Robotics Competition got a boost from the Festo Corp., a global supplier of automation technology with its U.S. headquarters in Hauppauge.

Festo donated \$25,000 toward the annual competition, whose acronym stands for "For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." The event pits teams of high school students against each other to build 130-pound robots that compete in various activities. The annual event, which costs about \$250,000 to run, is staged by Kings Park-based School-Business Partnerships of Long Island Inc., a nonprofit that toils to link businesses and schools to create a qualified workforce.

This year's competition, which took place March 30-31 at Hofstra University in Hempstead, showcased 50 teams of students, including 42 teams from Long Island.

