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Robotics teams formed

Forty teams of local students kicked off the 2012 season of the FIRST Robotics Competition earlier this month at the Javits Lecture Center at Stony Brook University. FIRST stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.

The teams — along with 2,000 others nationally — received the game rules via a NASA satellite transmission from the FIRST headquarters in New Hampshire. They also received a kit of parts to begin building their robots over the allowed 42-day period. The Long Island regional competition will be at Hofstra University on March 29-31.

“The [competition] is not just about the design and building of sophisticated robots,” said Scott Schuler, acting president of the School-Business Partnerships of Long Island, the event’s sponsor. “These students each develop maturity, professionalism and teamwork skills that enrich their lives.”

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