

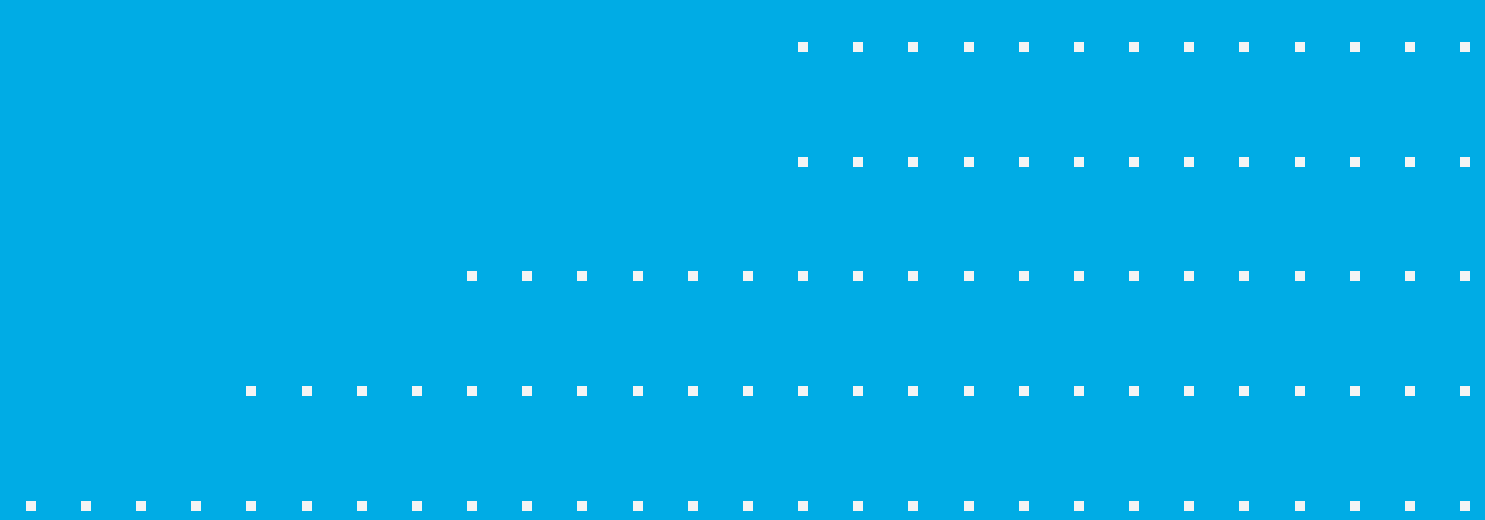


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OUR MISSION

As part of his commitment to philanthropy, will.i.am launched the i.am Angel Foundation in 2009 to transform lives through education, inspiration and opportunity. The i.am Angel Foundation administers charitable activities providing college preparation (i.am College Track) as well as immersive programs in A.I., robotics, and STEAM education (i.am STEAM) equipping students today with the skills and confidence to lead the workforce of tomorrow.

The i.am Angel Foundation is especially committed to transforming will.i.am's hometown of Boyle Heights in East Los Angeles. Boyle Heights is a predominantly low-income, working class, immigrant community that is rich in culture and potential, but struggling with a lack of resources and opportunities. We strive to turn Boyle Heights into a model for other communities around the world.



OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

ACCESS TO COLLEGE

13

Years of Impact

564

High School Graduates

10-Year

Commitment to Every Student

150

College Graduates



i.am CollegeTrack

ACCESS TO SCHOLARSHIPS

\$1M+ awarded since 2009

155 Scholars



OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

ACCESS TO WORLD-CLASS STEM PROGRAMS

70+ FIRST Robotics teams supported
every year (since 2021)

Programming offered to 12,000 LAUSD students
in 400+ schools

i.am STEAM Lab at Boys and Girls Club of
Estrada Courts serving 2,000+ youth

CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

500+ families receiving free high-speed
internet access via WeLink and HACLA

800 computers and robotics kits donated
via HP, Google, UBTech and others





i.am College Track

Celebrating 13 Years of Academic Success

Since 2012, the i.am Angel Foundation has partnered with College Track to open doors of opportunity for low income students. The i.am College Track Center, located in the heart of Boyle Heights, has provided comprehensive academic, social, and financial support that has empowered over 600 first-generation scholars from Roosevelt High School to pursue higher education, break cycles of poverty, and build a lasting college-going culture for future generations.

For the 2024-2025 academic year, we are proud to recognize the achievements of 69 high school graduates of the i.am College Track program. 100% of our Boyle Heights scholars are matriculating at prestigious institutions including USC, Occidental College, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Middlebury College, Cal Poly Pomona and more.



Class of 2025 Demographics

69	Scholars	100%	Graduation Rate	86%	3.0 GPA or higher	97%	First Generation College-goers	95%	Low Income
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i.am College Track Student Spotlight



Heidy Barrera

i.am College Track alumna Heidy Barrera graduated from UC Berkeley this past spring with a BS in data science and a minor in food systems, and currently works at the university as an IT specialist. Last summer, she interned at Liminal Insights, a battery manufacturing intelligence company. She is passionate about the intersection of technology, education, and accessibility, and is an active participant in Women/Latine Data Science societies.

Byron Zacarias

i.am College Track alumnus Byron Zacarias graduated from UC Merced this past spring with a degree in psychology. He aspires to work in media production, telling stories that raise awareness about social issues. Last summer, he interned as a digital news associate at TelevisaUnivision, where he networked with some of his childhood idols. This summer, he is working as a television and script intern at MACRO, a multiplatform media company representing the voice and perspectives of Black people and persons of color.



i.am College Track Career Day

This summer we hosted 20 college students on their Career Development Externship at will.i.am's tech headquarters, the FYI Campus in Hollywood.

The Career Discovery Externship is a summer program where College Track scholars learn about career pathways in various sectors by visiting host companies, experiencing a day-in-the-life, and identifying the roles there that align with their interest and values that might be a great fit for their futures.

At FYI, College Track students from Boyle Heights, Watts and South LA learned about various tech careers including AI engineering, product management, product marketing, user experience research, video production, content creation, and social media marketing. The students even got a chance to do a presentation about College Track at a Culture FYIers event, a weekly speaker series for the LA creative community.

Feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive and among the highest that company host sites have ever received in the College Track program!



“The most memorable experience for me was being a part of the product management workshop as I learned for the first time what a product manager does and how they do their job”

**i.am FIRST Robotics
X LAUSD**



i.am FIRST x LAUSD Robotics League

In 2021, the i.am Angel Foundation and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) launched a groundbreaking partnership to bring FIRST Robotics programs to over 400 public schools, reaching over 12,000 students. This initiative is the first-of-its-kind for the second largest public school district in the United States.

We work in partnership with FIRST Robotics, a world-class engineering competition for K-12 students, to roll out robotics kits for schools and provide professional development training to teachers. Together we create a tournament structure across the LAUSD for students to compete with the robots they have built and programmed from scratch.



LAUSD
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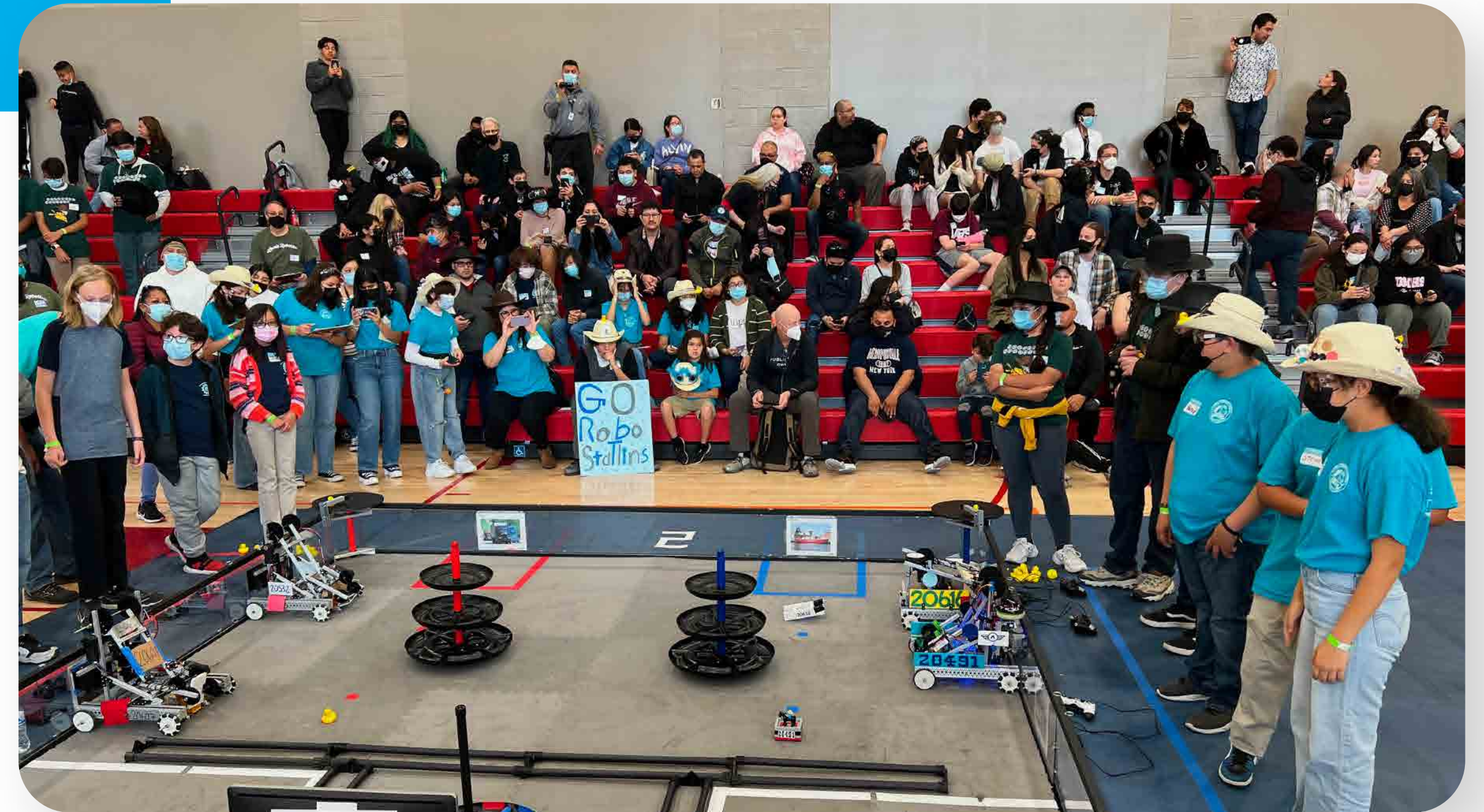
Our Impact in Year One

5 → 86 Competing LAUSD teams
Over 1000% Growth

12,000+ Students Served

100+ Robotics Teams

260 Schools



Before this initiative, only 5 out of 160 FTC teams in the Southern California region were LAUSD-affiliated. In the first year of our partnership, a total of 86 teams competed in the newly-formed LAUSD League, a growth of over 1000%. Without a doubt this partnership has made a tremendous impact.

LAUSD: Supporting Educational Equity At Scale

As the second largest school district in the U.S., LAUSD serves over 550,000 students—over 85% of whom live at or below the poverty line—making it one of the most critical places to support educational equity at scale.

85%

Students live at or below the poverty line

20%

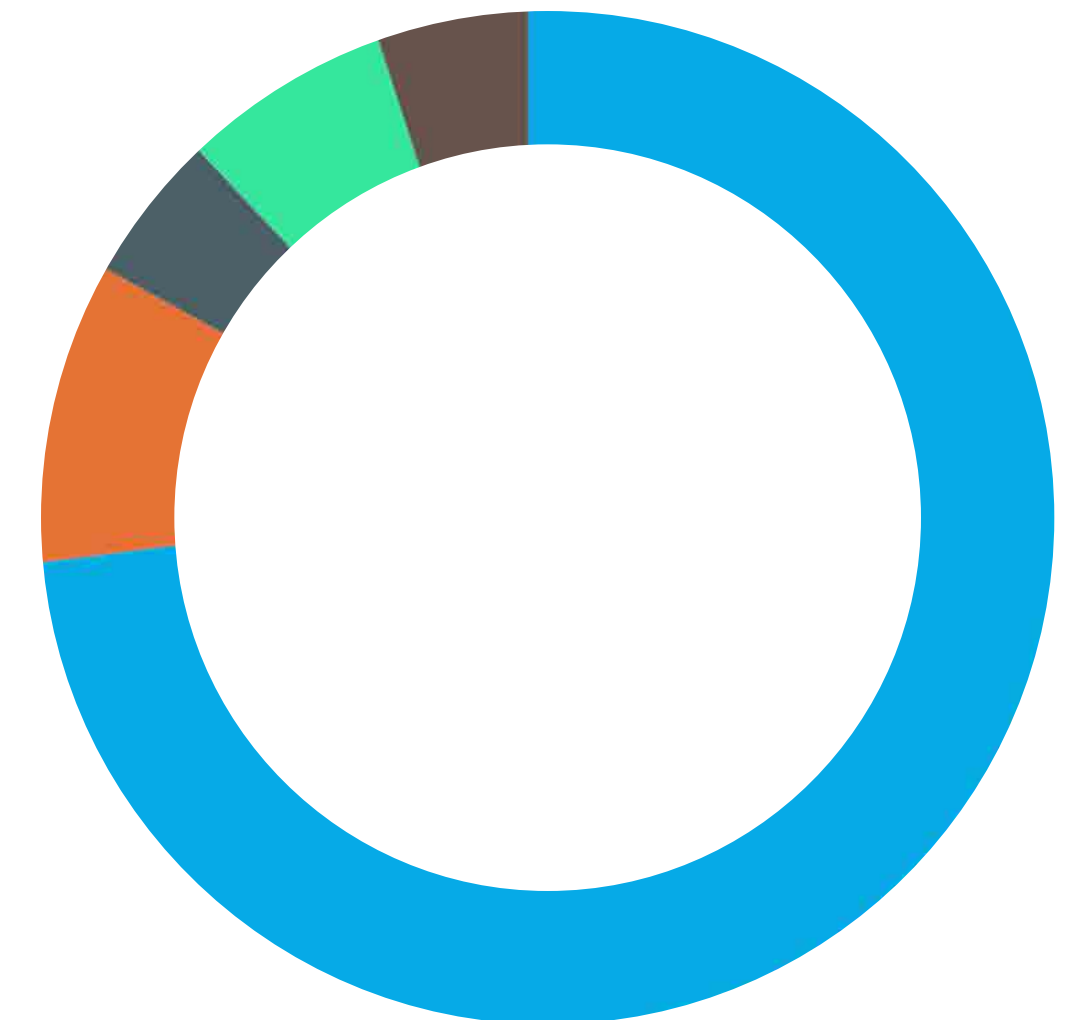
Students enrolled as English language learners

14%

Students with disability

LAUSD Student Body Profile

73% Latino
10% White
7% Black
5% Asian
5% Other

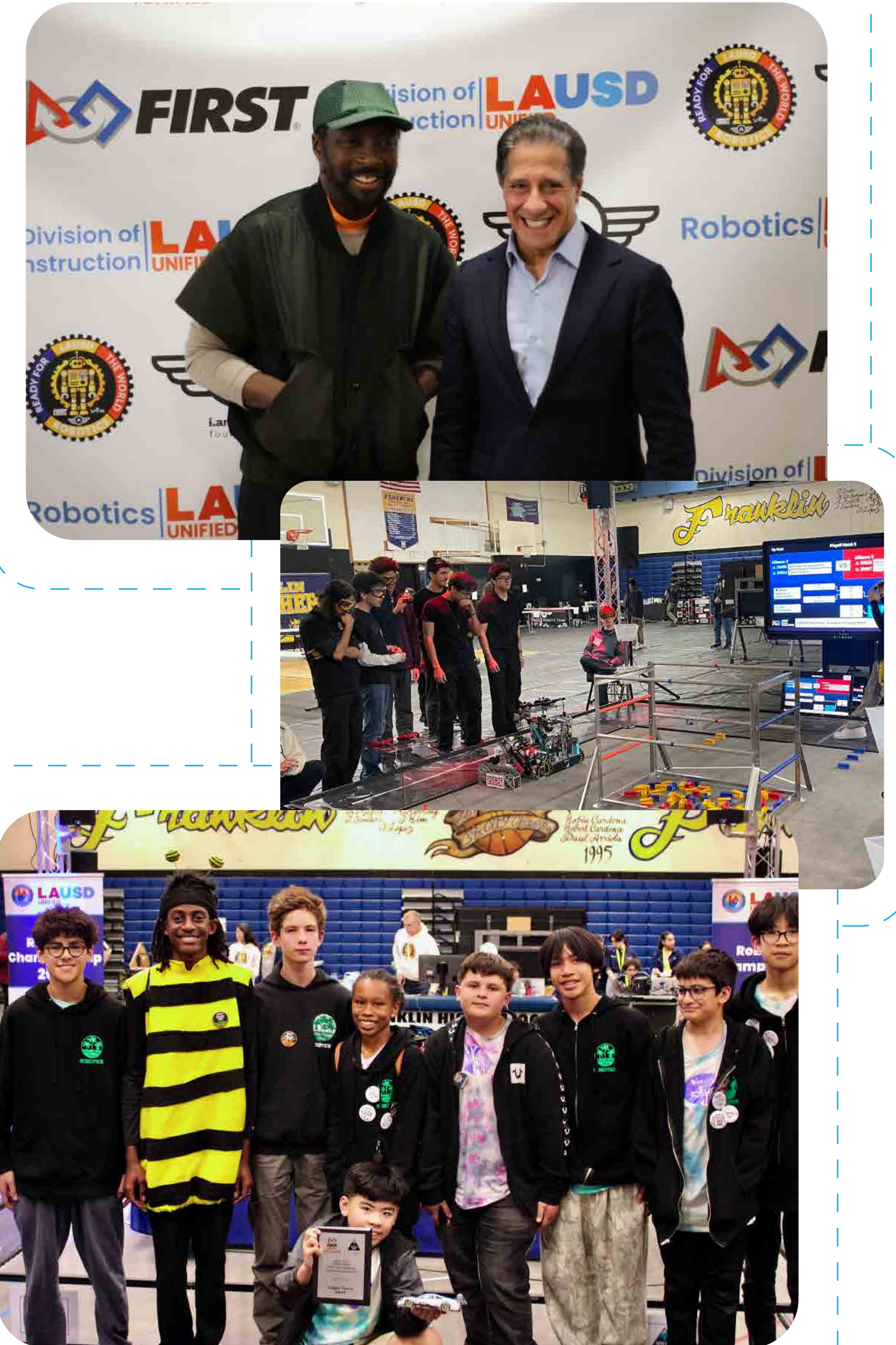


2024-2025 Season Highlights

During the 2024-2025 FIRST Robotics season, LAUSD and the i.am Angel Foundation supported 71 FTC teams for their challenge, INTO THE DEEP presented by RTX Resources. LAUSD operates regionally, which produces a North, South, East, and West Region, and thereafter, culminating at the LAUSD District Championship. Through this model, we executed 2 scrimmages in the Fall semester, and 4 qualifier tournaments in the Spring semester.

This season culminated at the LAUSD District Championship on March 1st, 2025 at Franklin High School, where over 200 students and their coaches representing the best of the robotics season competed for top honors. LAUSD Superintendent Alberto Carvalho and will.i.am were present to give inspiring remarks to the attendees which included parents, families, and local community leaders.

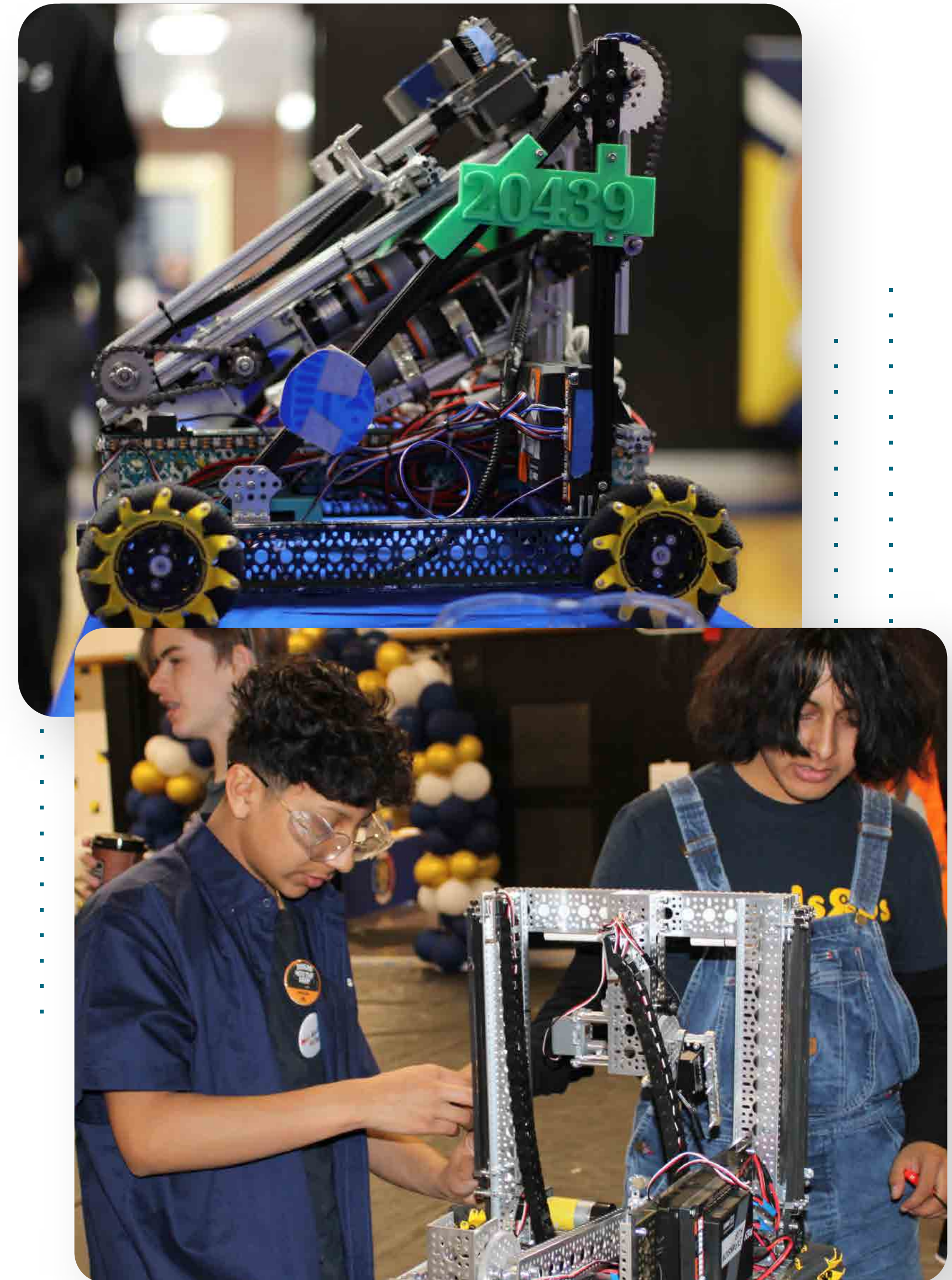
The two winning teams that got to advance to the FIRST World Championship in Houston, TX this year were: the Technobots from Foshay Learning Center and the Robolutionaries from International Studies Learning Center



Alongside these teams, we supported and collaborated with various FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) teams in their challenge, REEFSCAPE presented by Haas, and to execute a successful FTC season. Through the growing LAUSD FIRST Robotics pipeline, FRC teams like Team 5089, The Robo-Nerds from Franklin High School, have been champions in leading workshops, scrimmages, qualifier tournaments, and even the LAUSD District Championship. Through their outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork, and persistence, the Robo-Nerds took home the Impact Award at the Los Angeles FRC Regionals, which also landed them a spot at the World Championship in Houston.

At the World Championships, our teams saw great success and brought home invaluable awards. The Robo-Nerds from Franklin High School's FRC team, ranking 12 out of 75 in their division, were a finalist for the FRC Impact Award, which is the highest award that any FRC team can win. The Robolutionaries from International Studies Learning Center brought home the Judges Choice Award from their FTC Division.

None of this would be possible without support from the Los Angeles Unified School District. Season after season, they've championed STEAM education, ensuring students from low-income communities have the resources and opportunities to apply these skills and explore an advanced field of STEAM careers. The i.am Angel Foundation is proud to support such an incredible program and amazing school district that continues to change the lives of thousands of students in the Los Angeles community. We look forward to unveiling and taking on the new season ahead: FIRST® AGE™ presented by Qualcomm, the 2025-2026 robotics season inspired by archaeology.



Robotics Events Organized by i.am Angel in the 2024-2025 School Year

Sept 7	FTC Challenge Kickoff
Sept 21	Teachers Professional Development Workshop
Sept 28	Teachers Professional Development Workshop
Oct 12	Open Workshop
Nov 3	Scrimmage at Franklin HS
Nov 16	Scrimmage at Augustus Hawkins HS
Jan 25	Qualifying Tournament for LAUSD Region East
Feb 1	Qualifying Tournament for LAUSD Region West
Feb 8	Qualifying Tournament for LAUSD Region North
Feb 8	Qualifying Tournament for LAUSD Region South
March 1	LAUSD League Championships



i.am Angel Teams at the FIRST Robotics World Championships

Robo-Nerds from Franklin High School, FRC SoCal Impact Award Winner

Wolverines from Foshay Learning Center, FRC Hall of Fame Team

Technobots from Foshay Learning Center, 1st Place, LAUSD Championships

Robolutionaries from International Studies Learning Center, Inspire Award Winner, LAUSD Championships

Awards Won at World Championships

Team Robo-Nerds from Franklin High School, ranking 12 out of 75 in their division, were a finalist for the FRC Impact Award, which is the highest award that any FRC team can win.

Team Robolutionaries from the International Studies Learning Center brought home the FTC Judges Choice Award from their Division



Success Stories

This program has allowed many students to find a safe place to explore their ideas in a collaborative environment. We have students that have been given a voice through the robots they design, build, and code. Our robotics team alumni have all gone to college to pursue a career in STEAM... Seeing students develop by moving up to leadership roles has been the most rewarding.

- Albert Estrada, Lake Balboa College Preparatory K-12 Magnet Coach



FTC has provided the energy for students to strive for excellence and discover the wonderful world of STEM as they develop skillsets such as problem solving, critical & analytical thinking, communication skills, resilience, teamwork, importance of diversity, inclusion and innovation.

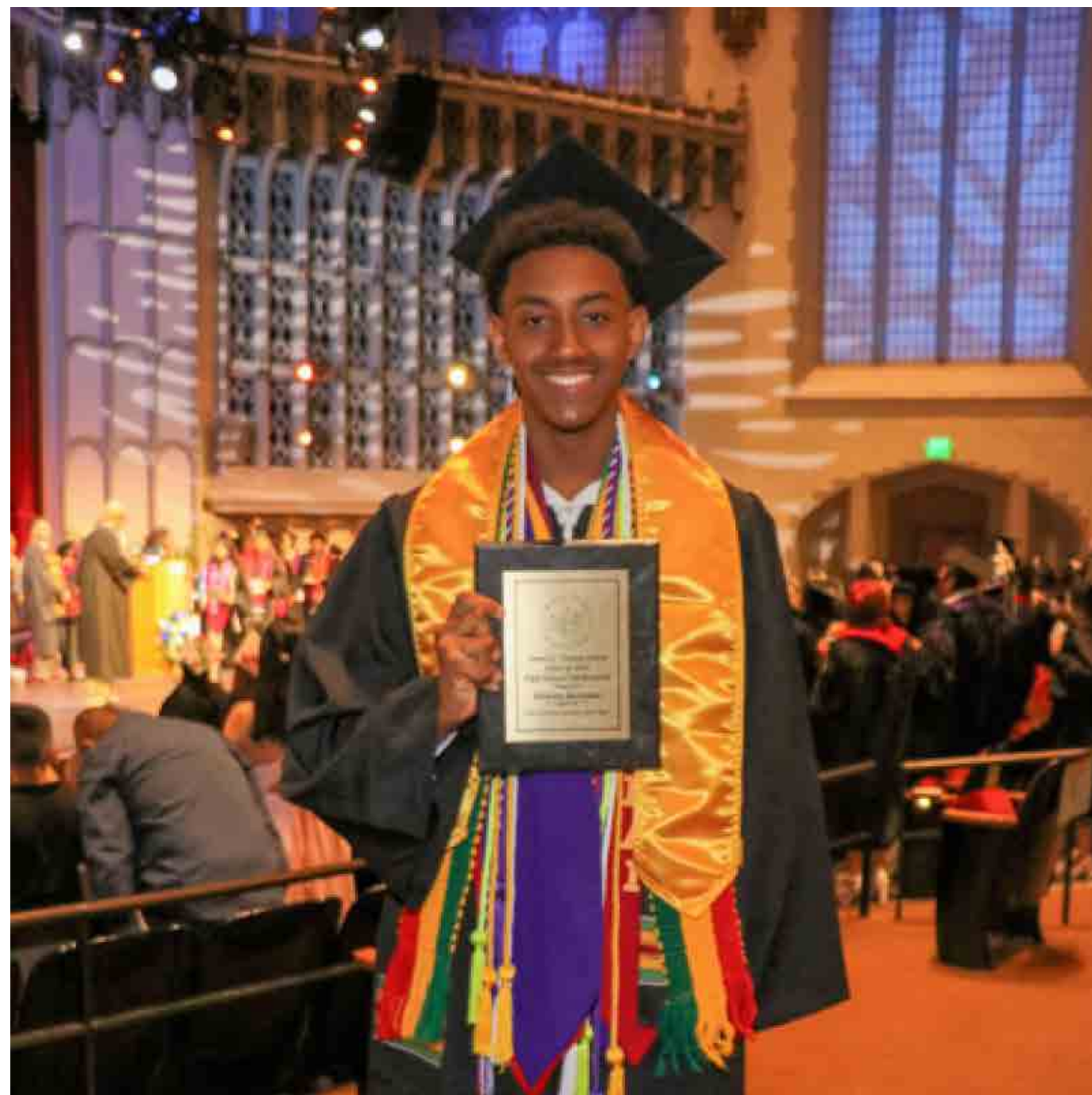
These young people have shown they have the ability to solve 21st Century critical issues.

-Coach Darryl Newhouse of Foshay Robotics, Winner of Chairman's Award 2015 and Hall of Fame Team

Success Stories

My students worked hard and spent many sleepless nights to achieve their goals. I am so impressed by how much team effort they have shown. Not everything worked as expected but they surely gave their all--did their very best and deserved the INSPIRE award.

-Rosario Leuterio, ISLC Robotics Coach



Henoke Berhanu is a robotics student from Foshay Learning Center who is headed to Stanford this fall to pursue a degree in Computer Science. His journey began with a passion for building and programming robots through FIRST Robotics.

“I’ve grown exponentially from this program and it’s only been possible thanks to organizations like i.am Angel Foundation. Through robotics I’ve learned resilience, compassion and so many skills that are indispensable.”

LA Fire Relief



The LA Check In: \$200,000 Raised for Fire Relief

In January, the i.am Angel Foundation joined forces with the Annenberg Foundation, Uproxx Studios and FYI to host The LA Check In, a community-driven response to support families affected by the devastating Los Angeles wildfires.

Together, through a series of livestreamed telethon-style events and a culminating in-person gathering during Grammy Week, over \$200,000 was raised for wildfire relief, providing immediate financial support to families and students through organizations on the ground including the LAUSD Foundation, Pasadena Educational Foundation, and CORE Foundation.

This initiative featured appearances by will.i.am, DJ D-Nice, Samantha Ronson, actor-philanthropist Etienne Maurice along with several special guests. It was a true reflection of what Los Angeles does best: showing up for one another in times of need—for unity, healing, and giving.

The hard work of rebuilding continues. The i.am Angel Foundation is committed to standing alongside our community as families recover and rebuild.



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JOIN US to Scale Impact and Build a Movement

Help us support more schools in this time of need when education funding is being cut and vital STEM programs— as well as the basic tools and technology students need to succeed—are increasingly at risk.

Given the sheer size and the depth of need within LAUSD’s student population, serving this district means impacting hundreds of thousands of lives where support is most critical.



School Need	Cost (per year)
Robotics Kit Foundational kit that contains control systems, motors, structural parts, and sensors	\$1,200
Tools and Materials Needed for customizing each robot and spare parts, including game elements for each challenge	\$2,000
Coaches' Stipend Provided to compensate for instructors' time managing extracurricular activities in accordance with LAUSD and union requirements	\$7,000
Team Uniforms For 15-20 students	\$800
School Bus Transportation To attend tournaments and workshops	\$3,000
Event Registration To participate in FIRST tournaments	\$300
TOTAL	\$14,300



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