

ROBOTICS CLUB IN SEARCH OF NEW MEMBERS

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In addition to exemplifying the school's Lifelong Learning Standards, the Robotics Club engineers a robot for an annual competition.

Currently, the Robotics Club only has nine active members. They hope to raise that number up to 12 to 20 people.

"We're looking for people willing to work in teams, people who are capable of planning projects in order to make Leland proud," said Sophomore **Gabriel Arambula**.

Despite the lack of members, the Robotics Club has gained a substantial amount of encouragement. In fact, the club has received from NASA \$6,000 as well as volunteer engineers to help build the robot. Yet the club is still desperately looking for donations as well as help from parents.

The Robotics Club meets every Wednesday at lunch in room E-1. Because of the lack of members, the club has not been able to organize elections for officers. To make matters worse, the president of the club just recently abandoned the club for reasons unknown, leaving the other dedicated members to fend for themselves.

For now, the Robotics Club has not yet done anything specific towards their goal since the annual competition has not yet released rules or directions on how to build the robot. The competition is being held from March 17 to 19.

According to club members, robotics is not just about building a robot; rather, it consists of art, animations, electronics and more. "Robotics is one of the most valuable experiences you can have," said Sophomore **Amy Qian**. The club also seeks artists, writers, communicators and team attorneys.

For those interested, please contact **Helen Arrington**, Math Dept., in room E-1.