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The Chrysler Foundation Pumps Up Support to Michigan High Schools, Grants Additional \$40,000 to FIRST Robotics Competition Championship Finalists

- Nine Michigan high school robotics teams to receive funding boost as they make a final drive to the hoop at the 2012 Rebound RumbleSM

April 23, 2012, Auburn Hills, Mich. - The Chrysler Foundation today announced that it is granting \$40,000 in additional funding to nine Michigan high school robotics teams that will participate in the international 2012 FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Championship, April 25-28, at Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Missouri. The FRC Championship is the culmination of the FRC season and includes teams from across the nation, Canada, Israel, Mexico and Taiwan.

Each of the nine teams will receive an equal share of the \$40,000 grant to help offset costs associated with competing in the FRC Championship's Rebound RumbleSM. At the beginning of FRC season in January, The Chrysler Foundation awarded \$133,000 in grants to 22 teams (including the nine finalists). During the past 16 years, The Chrysler Foundation has awarded more than \$1.7 million in grants to the FRC program and teams.

This week at the FRC championship, each team's robot will compete by trying to score as many of the basketballs in the hoops as possible during the two-minute and 15-second match. The teams qualified to compete in the FRC Championship based either upon their performance at local and state competitions or through an open lottery.

FINALISTS		
Home City	School	Team Name
Armada	Macomb Academy of Arts and Sciences	Fighting PI
Auburn Hills	Notre Dame Preparatory School	Killer Bees
Birmingham	Birmingham Seaholm / Birmingham Groves High Schools	Maple Machine
Bloomfield Hills	Andover High School	Bionic Barons
Clarkston	OSM Tech Academy at Clarkston High School	Team Rush
Grand Blanc	Grand Blanc High School	EngiNerds
Pontiac	Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northeast	Juggernauts
Pontiac	Pontiac High School	Chief Delphi
Rochester	Rochester Adams/Stoney Creek High Schools	Adambots

"The Chrysler Foundation is proud to play a role in encouraging students to explore the worlds of science, technology, engineering and mathematics," said Jody Trapasso, Senior Vice President - External Affairs, Chrysler Group LLC and President of The Chrysler Foundation. "Beyond exposing students to these important subjects, the FIRST Robotics Competition is exemplary at fostering the development of valuable life-skills such as leadership, team building and problem-solving."

"We wish all of the teams the best of luck as they embark on this exciting and rewarding challenge."

About The Chrysler Foundation

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