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FCA Foundation Energizes Ontario Robotics Teams With \$65,000 USD in Grants

- Grants enable 13 Ontario teams to participate in engaging Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)-building robotics programs

January 12, 2017, Windsor, Ontario - The FCA Foundation, the charitable arm of North American automaker FCA US LLC, today awarded more than \$65,000 USD in grants to 13 Ontario robotics teams and programs. The grants, \$5,000 USD per team, will help students from the 13 high schools offset the costs, such as registration fees, parts and materials and team apparel associated with competing in STEM-building [FIRST Robotics Competition](#) (FRC) programs. FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was founded in 1989 by inventor Dean Kamen to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology.

"The long-standing commitment and engagement FCA has with FIRST is embodied by the dedication of our employees who give generously of their time and skills to help mentor students and serve as competition coordinators," said Lesley Slavitt, Head of Civic Engagement, FCA US LLC and CEO of the FCA Foundation. "It is a continuing privilege to ensure their hard work and steadfast contributions support and further positive outcomes for youth in our communities."

FCA US employs more than 11,000 people in Ontario.

Under strict rules, limited resources and an intense six-week time limit, FRC teams (25+ members, grades 9-12) are challenged to raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills, build and program industrial-size robots to play a difficult game against like-minded competitors.

Details of the 2017 FRC season challenge, [FIRST® STEAMWORKSSM](#), will be revealed on [Saturday, January 7, 2017, 10:30 a.m. EST](#) – the official start of the design and build season. Teams that attend ["local" kickoff events](#) will have the opportunity to compare notes, get ideas, make friends, find mentoring teams, learn the game, pick up the Kickoff Kit from the Kit of Parts and get geared up for the exciting competition season.

Both the FRC and FTC programs will conclude their respective seasons with FIRST Championships in April.

"The real-world experience that students gain through their participation in FIRST programs is invaluable in preparing students for the future," said [Phil Jansen](#), Head of Product Development, FCA – North America. "We are proud to partner with an organization that taps into such formidable minds and encourages deeper levels of ingenuity."

Ontario: FIRST Robotics Competition Teams awarded a \$5,000 USD grant from the FCA Foundation.

School(s)	Team No.	Team Name
Maranatha Christian Academy	4595	Infinity Robotics
Tecumseh Vista Academy	4936	Viral Vortex
Holy Names High School	4940	Knight Vision Robotics
Cardinal Carter	4932	Cougar Robotics
Kingsville District High School	773	CavalGears
Sandwich Secondary School	772	Sabre Bytes Robotics
Ecole secondaire de Lamothe-Cadillac	4938	Faucons
Vincent Massey Secondary School	4903	Massey Robotics
Belle River High School	4920	Automatons

St. Anne's Catholic High School	4688	Saints Bot Robotics
L'Essor	6331	SaBOTage
Louise Arbor Secondary School	5519	Lass Robotics
Villanova	5885	Wired Cats

About the FCA Foundation

The FCA Foundation is committed to rebalancing inequalities to promote the full realization of every human being. We seek to support outcomes in our communities that ensure people can enjoy equality and dignity. The FCA Foundation directs its resources toward the following areas of focus:

- **Youth Development** – helping young people develop the leadership qualities and resiliency necessary to succeed in school, at work, and in life.
- **Education** – building the skills and competencies that lead to achievement and support educational access and success.
- **Military/Veterans** – ensuring veterans successfully transition to civilian life and that the needs of military service members and their families are supported.
- **Service** – leveraging the talents and contributions of all members of the community.

Note: Applications for funding are accepted by invitation only.

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