



February 5, 2012

Hi Everyone,

*We are already into February and it hard to think that Kickoff was 4 weeks ago. I am sure that all of you are well into your build and working on your Inventor and 3DSMax files. I appreciate how much time each of you gives to our local teams and on behalf of all of the students I would like to thank you.*

-Nancy Mc



**FIRST Future Innovator Award:**

Do you have an innovation inspired by your FRC season experience you think is worthy of recognition? Apply for the *FIRST* Future Innovator Award, presented by the Abbott Fund! Submissions must be received by noon EST on 3/16/12. For more information on the award, please visit: <http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/frc/future-innovator-award>.

**2012 FIRST Robotics Conference- Call for Proposals:** *FIRST* is seeking presentation proposals for the ninth annual *FIRST* Robotics Conference. 45-minute workshops on topics of interest to *FIRST* Robotics (FRC), *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) and *FIRST* LEGO League (FLL) teams, coaches, mentors, students and prospective leaders will be accepted. The

deadline to submit is 2/17/2012. For the submission form, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/89vj2hm>. For full details, please visit: <http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/firstplace/workshops-and-conferences>.

Chairman’s Award	2/16/12
Woodie Flowers Award	2/16/12
Website Award	2/16/12
Dean’s List Award	2/16/12
Stop Build Deadline	2/21/12
Excellence in Design Award	TBD
Judges Information	2/23/12

**To find a full list of deadlines for the 2012 FRC Season, please visit:** <http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/frc/frc-season-calendar>.



Vary from one-time awards of \$1,000 to full four-year tuition (estimated at \$160,000) Are typically merit-based and cover a broad range of scholastic abilities May be for STEM majors (60%); or for any course of study (40%) Are usually for use at a specific college/university, but a few can be used at any school Each have unique eligibility requirements, deadline dates, and application procedures.

VEX  
ROBOTICS  
**WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Calling All VEX Teams:  
Anaheim Marriott is  
\$109+taxes/night!**

The Robotics Education and Competition Foundation is pleased to announce a lower hotel rate for the 2012 VRC World Championship. The Anaheim Marriott is now offering teams a nightly rate of \$109+taxes. Space is limited at the Anaheim Marriott and teams should book their rooms as soon as possible.

In addition to the great rate at the Anaheim Marriott, the Anabella Hotel, Desert Palms Hotel & Suites and Red Lion Hotel Anaheim are also great deals for under \$130 per night plus taxes.

Visit the [hotel reservation site](#) to make your team's reservations.

Follow the steps below to ensure that your team is ready for the 2012 VRC World Championship.



Pre Bag Scrimmage at Harvey Mudd College February 19, 2012

**Upcoming Events:**

February 19, 2012

Robot Blessing Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels 9:00am

Pre Bag Scrimmage

Location: Harvey Mudd College

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340 E. Foothill Blvd

Claremont, CA 91711

Time: 8 AM – 4 PM

February 21, 2012 Bag Day!

San Diego FRC Regional March 2-4, 2012

Los Angeles FRC Regional March 15-17, 2012

Honolulu FRC Regional March 22-24, 2012

VEX World Championship April 19-21, 2012

FRC Championship April 25-29, 2012

MATE Long Beach May 12, 2012

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The Los Angeles Regional Webpage has been updated and can be found at:

[www.firstlaregional.com](http://www.firstlaregional.com)

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Volunteers !

FRC Los Angeles Long Beach Convention Center March 15-17, 2012

Register online through VIMS at

[https://my.usfirst.org/FIRSTPortal/Login/VIMS\\_Login.aspx](https://my.usfirst.org/FIRSTPortal/Login/VIMS_Login.aspx)

VEX World Championship Anaheim CA April 19-21, 2012

Register online at:  
<http://robotevents.com/volunteer/>

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### **Boston University Summer Program**

This summer at Boston University, discover new and exciting topics, experience a vibrant university campus, and get to know BU and the city of Boston as you meet fellow students from around the U.S. and the world.

There are four Summer Term High School Programs to choose from:

**High School Honors** Earn up to eight college credits in two BU summer classes. For rising juniors and seniors.

**Research Internship in Science & Engineering** Conduct hands-on lab research under the mentorship of BU faculty. For rising seniors.

**Summer Challenge** Choose two of 16 non-credit seminars selected from a variety of academic topics. For rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

**Summer Preview** Enroll in one non-credit seminar, and get an early taste of college. For rising freshmen and sophomores.

We've just published our new Summer Term High School Programs brochure, with all the details you'll need to get started on your plans for summer study. You can

download a copy or have us send you one. If you have already requested a brochure, you should receive it in the mail soon.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at [summerhs@bu.edu](mailto:summerhs@bu.edu). Otherwise, we hope you enjoy viewing the new brochure—and thinking ahead to an exciting summer at Boston University.

Sincerely,  
Alexandra Z. Adams, PhD Associate  
Director Boston University Summer Term

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### **Things to Remember:**

1. Be grateful we live someplace where we can buy pool noodles easily.
2. Don't forget to read the bag and tag information ahead of time. This is a new process for most teams.
3. Keep track of all of those little parts it is difficult to replace them in time to finish your robot.

*"If time flies when you're having fun, it hits the afterburners when you don't think you're having enough." - **Jef Mallett***

-Nancy Mc  
*FUTURE* Founding Board Member

*(My school e-mail is still the best way to reach me during the academic year.)*

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