

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Friday, March 8, 2019

CONTACT: Christopher Behnan, **Byrum & Fisk Advocacy Communications**, (517) 333-1606

Holly High School robotics season kicks into high gear this week

*Team Hollywood Robotics slated to compete throughout
March in statewide FIRST Robotics tournament*

HOLLY, Mich. — **Team Hollywood Robotics**, Holly High School's robotics team, kicks off its 2019 season this week during the statewide [FIRST Robotics](#) tournament. Hollywood Robotics is one of many fun, educational Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) activities that help prepare Bronchos for the jobs of the future.

"Our robotics program is a unique and rewarding learning opportunity that helps prepare our kids for bright futures, whether that means college, technical school, apprenticeships or jobs right after graduation," said **Jake Hawley**, Team Hollywood's lead mentor. "Team members learn the critical roles teamwork, problem-solving and leadership play in any career, STEM-related or otherwise."

This year's FIRST Robotics game, "Destination: Deep Space," is sponsored by Boeing and celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission. In January, students were given six weeks to design, build and prepare their robot for competition.

The season kicked off on March 7, and continues on these dates:

- District 1: March 8-9, Belleville High School
- District 2: March 14-16, Center Line High School

If the team qualifies, it will have the opportunity to compete in the Michigan Championship April 10-13 at Saginaw Valley State University. If the team wins at the state level, it will qualify for the World Championship April 24-27 at the Cobo Center in Detroit. Follow the team on [Twitter](#) for all the latest season updates.

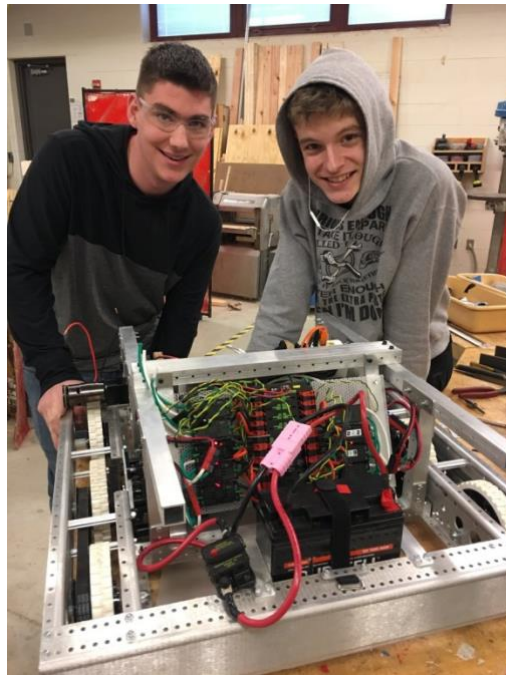
"The continued success of Team Hollywood would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of team members, as well as Holly Area Schools teachers, staff, parents and local businesses who volunteer their time and resources," said **Scott Roper**, Holly Area Schools superintendent. "Our robotics program is a communitywide effort that provides our students with a diverse, outside-the-classroom experience that equips them with real-world skills they'll use throughout their lives."

###

Learn more about Holly Area Schools by visiting www.hask12.org, or visit us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



A Team Hollywood Robotics member works on the early stages of this season's robot.



Team Hollywood Robotics members begin to assemble this season's robot.



Team Hollywood Robotics members show off this season's robot.