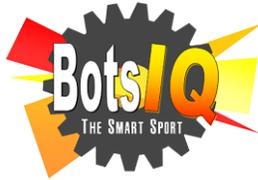


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All-Girl Robotics Team from Clairton High School to Attend KDKA TV's Annual STEM Fest
Team Supported by Ace Wire Spring & Form Co., Inc. and EQT Foundation

PITTSBURGH [Sept. 18, 2018] - BotsIQ's first all-girls team from Clairton High School will be sparking excitement at Saturday's KDKA TV's Annual STEM Fest. BotsIQ is a high school robotics program that engages students in the manufacturing process of designing, machining, and creating a 15-lb combat robot (bot), while connecting participants to manufacturing and STEM careers. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., guests at the Mall at Robinson will be able to meet the team, learn more about BotsIQ and see firsthand the action that is packed into their bot.

For the past 2 years, Clairton has sponsored an all-girl BotsIQ team under the advisement of teachers Dennis Beard and Jodie Harriman.

Every BotsIQ team is partnered with a manufacturing company to help students learn more about career opportunities after high school, including Clairton's team which works with Ace Wire Spring & Form Co., Inc. in McKees Rocks.

Linda Froehlich, owner of the spring manufacturer, enjoys the impact she has working with the next generation of industry leaders.

"Over the past few years working with the students at Clairton, all of us at Ace were inspired by their enthusiasm and competitiveness in the BotsIQ program. It was especially enjoyable to watch the girls' team want to exceed their expectations and ultimately beat all the boys' teams. They were up for the challenge and losing wasn't an option they would accept," Froehlich said.

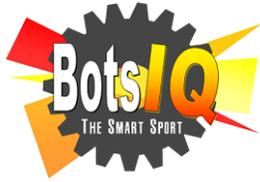
Clairton is supported with a BotsIQ grant from the EQT Foundation.

"The EQT Foundation is committed to supporting educational opportunities that better prepare students for rewarding and challenging careers," Ellen Rossi, EQT Foundation Manager said. "And we strongly encourage more girls to explore and eventually pursue STEM careers, as there are currently more jobs in these fields than in any other industry. By partnering with schools in our operational areas, we can create programs and events that give students the opportunity to explore and embrace all that the STEM-related fields have to offer."

For more information about the BotsIQ program, visit: www.botsiqpa.org.

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About Southwestern Pennsylvania BotsIQ

Southwestern Pennsylvania BotsIQ is a manufacturing workforce development program of the Pittsburgh Chapter National Tooling & Machining Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. The program is affiliated with the National Robotics League and is managed by New Century Careers. BotsIQ is an educational robotics competition for high school age students. It provides students with a unique, hands-on experience that allows them to discover the possibilities of a career in the manufacturing sector and other science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) fields.

About the EQT Foundation

The EQT Foundation was established by EQT Corporation, the top natural gas producer in the country, and is committed to the social and economic vitality of our operating regions. The EQT Foundation believes in meaningful engagement with the communities it calls home, and takes great pride in the role as both a responsible and responsive corporate citizen. The EQT Foundation has developed strong partnerships with a variety of nonprofit organizations to enrich the diversity and viability of our communities, sustain the principles of continuous learning, and focus on environmental protection efforts. Read more at: www.eqt.com/our-communities/eqt-foundation

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