

# FMHS Robotics Club competition funded



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Dr. Kenneth Hurst with students Caitlin Kennedy, Asa Hurst and Ryan Dixon from the FMHS Robotics Club received three checks Friday night at the football game.

Barry Zoeller of Tejon Ranch presented the first check for \$5,000. A second check for \$5,000 came from HR Textron. ISA - South San Joaquin Section made a third contribution for \$1,500.

“This is a very good sign for the Robotics Team,” Kennedy said.

It’s more than a sign; it’s the result of winning Best Design at the regional competition in Los

Angeles for USA First Robotics. Those movable metal robots are not cheap. Materials and metal have to be purchased and machined to specifications and not until then is the main structure and frame ready to construct. That’s just the body.

The students of the Robotic Team have already participated with other high schools this fall to prep for the heavy competition, the Nationals.

To go the National competition is dependent upon ranking and having the money to enter and attend. These three checks, and the entrustment from the companies, have given the Robotics Team what they need to put them well on track.

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