

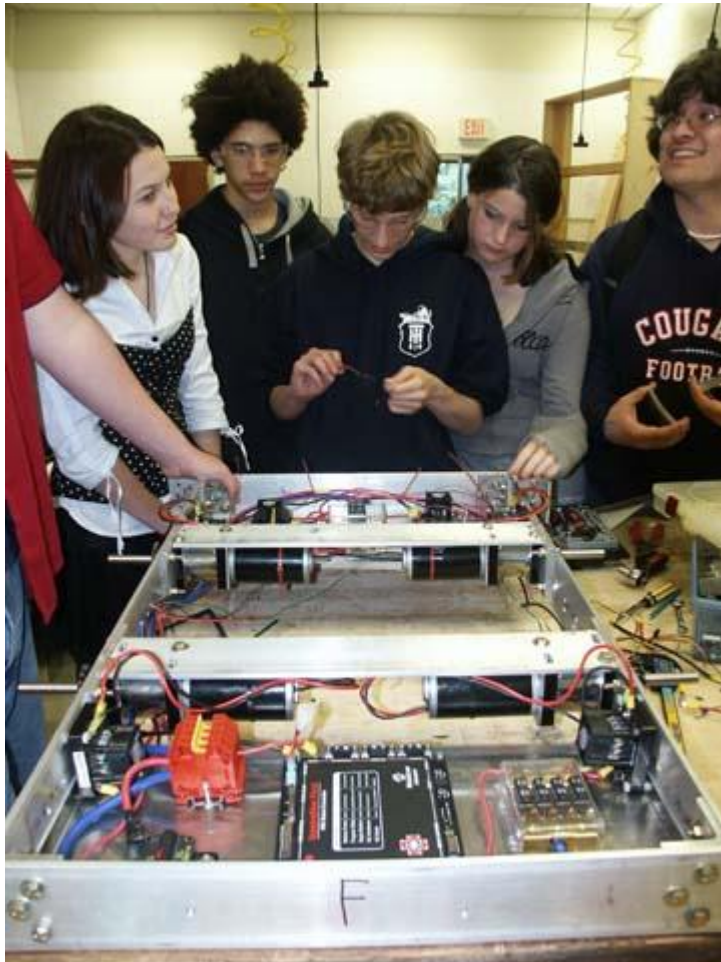


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### Interact and Robotics thriving at Tech High

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Robotics club members Shawnie Miller, Conrad Wells, Brian Melani, Rio Bell and Asa Hess-Matsumoto work on Tech High's competitive robot. The club travels to San Jose and Davis in March to compete.  
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As the year is half over, Technology High School's clubs are getting busy. Robotics is working on creating their robot, and getting ready for the upcoming competitions this spring. Robotics Club has been in operation for the past seven years and has been entering in competitions since it started. I interviewed Greg Weaver, the teacher in charge of Technology High School's Robotics Club.

He's been in charge of Robotics club for the past five years, since he was told he would be given the position. "I took it and I've really enjoyed the job, so I continued to be in charge of it," he said.

Though they have never won a competition, the club is planning this year to enter two, instead of one, hopefully continuing to improve in ranking as it has been doing each year. The two events are regional events in San Jose and Davis.

"Robotics is a really good program," said Weaver. "It teaches mechanics, teamwork, and many other skills."

Interact club is also getting busy. So far this year, they have had many successful projects completed, and are getting ready to go help at an outreach program, where they will help serve homeless people in Rohnert Park. In December, Tech High's Interact Club had a canned food drive, collecting 645 cans of food.

The club also had a toy drive, making and sending boxes full of supplies to impoverished children in Mexico and surrounding areas. It is also planning to sponsor a child in Uganda for the next 5 years, and do many fund-raising projects to help the school and community. Interact is currently having a clothing drive, collecting donations of socks, gloves and hats to donate to the homeless people in Rohnert Park. The next project is to have an assembly and get a guest speaker to educate the students about brain damage.

I interviewed Paula Reinhold, who is in charge of Interact Club. She said the Interact Club is an extension of the Rotary Club, and both clubs' mission is to serve the local and global communities. "I have always had a soft spot for Tech High," she said, because both of her sons graduated from the school. "I am very proud to be part of such a great community."