# IRHS, Lettering, Alumni and More

**Robotics Education & Competition Foundation** 

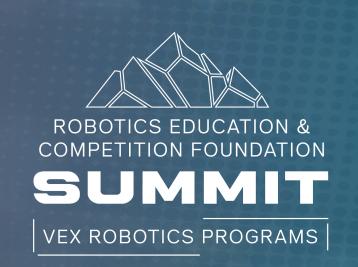
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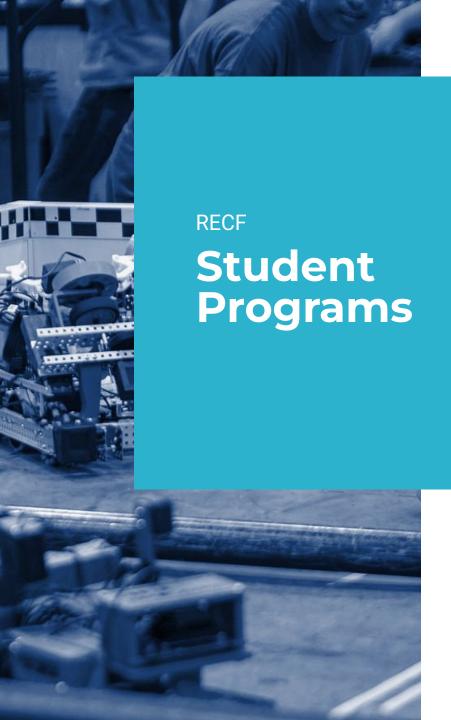
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Earn graduation honors in competitive robotics

#### **Robotics Varsity Letters**

Highlight student achievement with recognized lettering

#### **State Championship Rings**

Commemorate winning state or region championships

#### **Alumni Association**

Networking, internships, and career advice for graduates

#### **STEM Signing Day**

Celebrate graduating students moving into STEM fields



# Earn Graduation Honors in Competitive Robotics

#### Benefits of the IRHS

Students with exceptional academic standing have the opportunity to apply for membership in a local chapter of the International Robotics Honor Society to earn nationally recognized graduation honors for their participation in a host of high school robotics competitions.

# **About**

While each chapter can develop their own local objectives, the primary goal of the IRHS is to elevate the profile of student participation in robotics at the school, district, and national levels and encourage more students to strive toward academic excellence in the STEM fields.

This is achieved through character development, participation in service opportunities, and involvement in robotics programs.



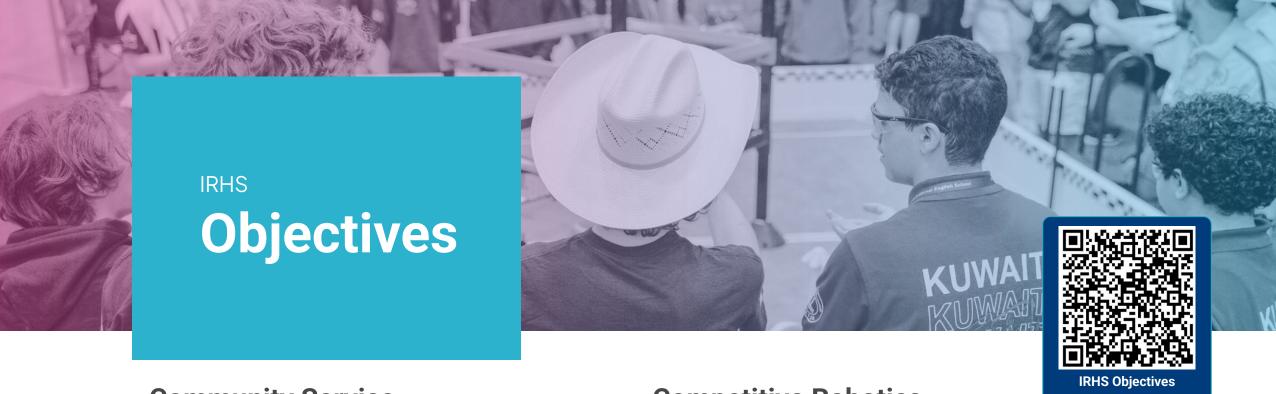


#### **Academic Excellence**

The national minimum standard for scholarship is a cumulative scholastic average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or the equivalent standard of excellence.

#### **Character Development**

Students must demonstrate evidence of significant leadership accomplishments, service to school and community, and good character.



#### **Community Service**

Each chapter completes one or more annual service learning projects that provide unique opportunities for chapter members to assist their community while promoting STEM education and involvement.

#### **Competitive Robotics**

The IRHS is open to many competitive programs, including, but not limited to:

VEX Robotics Competition Aerial Drone Competition

FIRST Robotics Bell Advanced Competition Vertical Robotics

FIRST Tech Challenge SeaPerch

BEST Robotics MATE ROV Competition

# **Benefits**



#### **Chapter Leadership**

#### **Empowering Minds, Inspiring Futures**





**Administrator** 

Oversees the program and supports the chapter advisor



**Chapter Advisor** 

Manages day-to-day duties and is involved in competitive robotics



**Faculty Council** 

Assists with student member selection and discipline



#### **President**

Leads the chapter, meetings, and service projects

#### **Vice President**

Assists the chapter President in all official chapter business

#### **Secretary**

Creates meeting agendas, minutes, and attendance records

#### **Treasurer**

Keeps records of chapter funds and works with the chapter advisor to manage budgets and funding

#### Historian

Maintains documentation on the history of the organization

#### **Annual Timeline**

#### **Year-Round Initiatives**

- Annual Service Project Planning and Work
- Chapter Meetings
- Recruitment
- Promotion
- Induction Ceremonies

#### **Important Dates and Deadlines**

- July September: Applications Open
- November: REC Foundation Announces
   Selected Chapters & Payment Deadline for Annual Dues
- May June: End of Year Reporting for Chapters



# **Application Process**



Visit our new website at recf.org/irhs/

The Chapter Advisor will be the main point of contact for the RECF



Complete an Online Application

Beginning July 1st



Pay Annual Registration Fee of \$200

Paid via an invoice emailed to the Coach Advisor



# **Developing Bylaws**

Bylaws are the constitutional directive of the program and should clearly define the:

- Purpose of your chapter, including ethos or mission statement
- Criteria for membership
- Process for selection of members
- Roles of the chapter advisor and student officers
- Official meeting types
- Service learning project procedures and expectations
- Discipline and dismissal plan of action
- Instructions for adopting amendments

# **Induction Ceremony**

An induction ceremony is a small event designed to serve as the inauguration of new members to their IRHS chapter, and to recognize the installation of student officers.

Chapter advisors may choose to present new chapter members with a certificate and official IRHS pin during a swearing-in ceremony during induction. Returning chapter members may also take part in the induction ceremony and be recognized for their continued support and contribution.





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**Robotics Community** 

### **Varsity Letters Available**

Offering a varsity letter as part of your student recognition program is an amazing way for your organization to show support for STEM education.

Criteria is determined by the students and their teacher/coach in conjunction with their school's administration.



State Championship

# **Jostens Designed Rings**







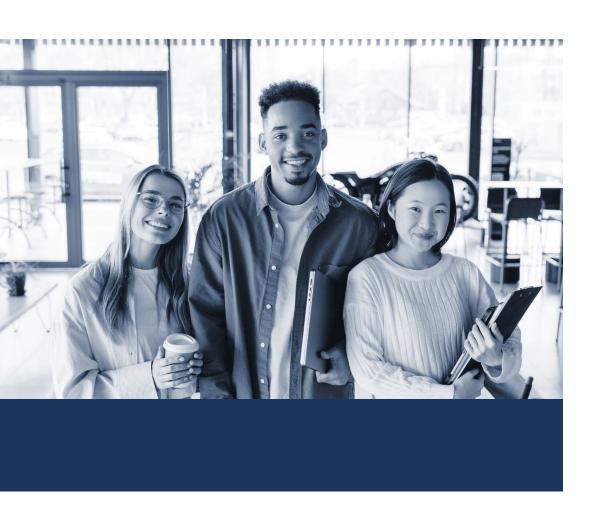
Teams that win Excellence, Tournament Champions, or Skills Challenge Champions at their region's Championship Event are eligible to order State Championship rings.

Consider recognizing these students at a future pep rally or schoolwide gathering.

Updated information will be available shortly.

State Championship Event Partners will also receive information.





#### Alumni Association

# **Inspiring the Next Generation**

The REC Foundation Alumni Association offers students an opportunity to begin networking, explore internships, and access career advice upon graduation.

Students who stay connected are invited to participate in unique volunteer opportunities and reconnect with teammates. Graduates of REC Foundation programs who are 18 years of age or older are encouraged to be a part of this vibrant, interactive community of REC Foundation program graduates.

Alumni Association

# Stay Connected, Stay Involved

The REC Foundation Alumni Association provides a sense of community for students who have competed in our programs and are looking to maintain and grow their networking opportunities, and was established to help keep students engaged in our programs as they move on to the university level and enter the workforce.





The Alumni Association is open to second-semester high school seniors and all university-level competitors.

It provides opportunities for alumni to share their robotics journey in the community.

#### Benefits of the Alumni Association:

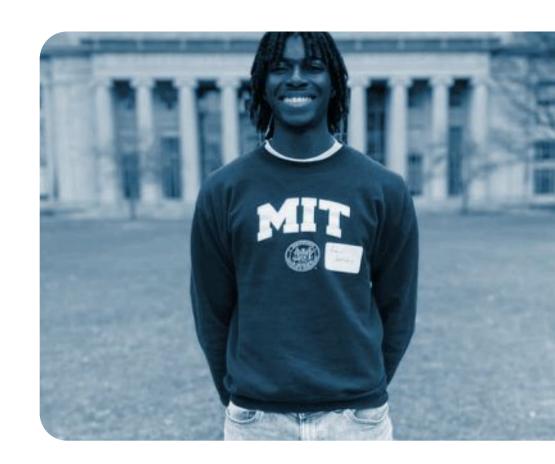
- Attend career-focused webinars
- Join in volunteer opportunities
- Stay connected with quarterly newsletters
- Explore career opportunities

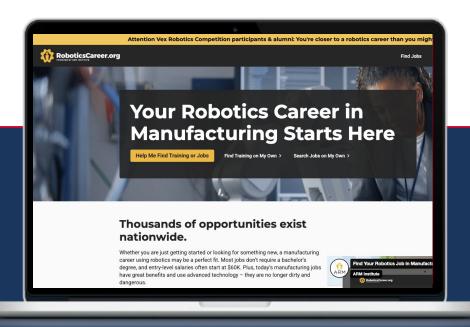
# Together, we can make a world of difference

Members of the Alumni Association have opportunities to pay it forward by giving to those students coming into the program. Whether it's as a coach, mentor, or volunteer, members give in a way that others gave for them.

Ways to give back

- Volunteering
- Donating
- Sharing Their Story





# Level Up with Internships

The REC Foundation provides resources that help students identify meaningful internship opportunities that put classroom and competition skills to use in today's workforce.

Internships provide examples of what work in a particular field will be like and can help students build professional skills and a network.





Signing Day

# **STEM Scholarship**

Hosting a STEM and CTE scholarship signing day for your students is a great way to educate the community about the impact of student robotics, build pride in your graduating students by providing opportunities to feature their work, and build confidence in younger students who see the honorees as role models.





**STEM Signing Day** 

# Connect with us

Where Conversations
Turn Into Communities



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**SIGN UP HERE** 

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We are here for you

Event Partners and Coaches are the core of our Programs here at the REC Foundation. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns. Thank you for all of your support.

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