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ROBOTICS: For the third consecutive year, students from Kingston Collegiate and Vocational Institute are preparing to enter an international robotics competition.

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IT'S KICKOFF DAY FOR THE K-C-V-I ROBOTICS TEAM - ALSO KNOWN AS "K-BOTICS".

THESE STUDENTS ARE WAITING TO HEAR WHAT KIND OF ROBOT THEY'LL HAVE TO DESIGN FOR THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION.

KEVIN WOOD:

"IT'S THE START OF A REALLY INTENSE PERIOD TOO, BECAUSE THEY ONLY HAVE SIX WEEKS TO DESIGN, BUILD, PROGRAM, TEST, AND EVERYTHING... THIS ROBOT. AND AT THE END OF THAT SIX WEEKS IT HAS TO BE EITHER CRATED UP OR BAGGED UP AND SEALED AND IT CAN'T BE TOUCHED AFTER THAT UNTIL THE COMPETITION."

TEAM MEMBER JOSH DACOSTA SAYS HE'S BEEN FASCINATED WITH BUILDING HIS ENTIRE LIFE.

JOSH DACOSTA:

"THEY WERE DOING A DEMONSTRATION OF SOME OF THE STUFF YOU CAN DO WITH THE COURSES HERE AT K-C, AND THEY WERE DEMONSTRATING THE ROBOT FROM TWO YEARS AGO, AND I THOUGHT IT WAS AMAZING, THAT I'D LIKE TO BE INVOLVED WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT."

HIS TEAMMATE JOY YEN SAYS LAST YEAR'S BUILD WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE.

YEN:

"WHEN I FIRST STARTED OUT LAST YEAR, I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON, I DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT ENGINEERING AT ALL - BUT I STARTED GETTING MORE INVOLVED - I WAS DRILLING, I WAS LEARNING HOW TO USE TOOLS, I WAS HELPING TO PROTOTYPE - AND I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE PROCESS THERE."

LAST YEAR THE CHALLENGE WAS A ROBOT SOCCER GAME -- THIS YEAR, THEY'LL HAVE TO DESIGN A ROBOT THAT CAN CLIMB A POLE.

YEN:

"I'M ACTUALLY REALLY EXCITED -- I WAS WATCHING THE VIDEO AND I STARTED LEANING FORWARD IN MY CHAIR - LIKE "WHOA, THIS IS REALLY DIFFERENT!"

AND WOOD AGREES -- HE SAYS THIS PRESTIGIOUS COMPETITION IS A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

WOOD:

"IN TERMS OF EDUCATION, AND THE DESIGN PROCESS, IT'S ABOUT AS GOOD A CHALLENGE AS YOU CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE FOR THE STUDENTS."

DACOSTA IS EXCITED FOR THE CHALLENGE -- BUT HE SAYS IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT WINNING.

JOSH DACOSTA:

"FOR ME IT'S NOT SO MUCH HOW WELL WE DO - IT'S THAT WE HAD FUN DOING IT AND WE DID OUR BEST ... IT'S LIKE ANY OTHER SPORTS TEAM OR ANY OTHER CLUB OR ANYTHING - YOU NEED TO GET ALONG, YOU NEED TO WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM AND COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER."

AND FOR THE NEXT SIX WEEKS, "K-BOTICS" WILL TRY TO DO EXACTLY THAT.

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