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MCCC TO HOST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP-QUALIFYING ROBOTICS COMPETITION ON FEB. 9

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College’s Society of Manufacturing Engineers Robotics Club will host a world championship-qualifying high school robotics competition on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 9 a.m. in the Gerald Welch Health Education Building on the college’s Main Campus.

The MCCC/Autodesk Technology First VEX qualifier is a VEX Robotics Competition event. Local VEX Robotics competitions are being held in many different cities, states and countries. At the events, student teams, with guidance from their teachers and mentors, aim to build the most innovative robots possible. The tournament will feature more than 30 teams that will compete with and against other schools in a series of back-to-back robot challenges,

The event is free and open to the public, and the doors open at 7 a.m. MCCC’s Main Campus is located at 1555 S. Raisinville Rd. in Monroe. This is the second straight year MCCC has hosted a VEX Robotics competition.

The VEX Robotics Design System offers students a platform for learning about areas rich with career opportunities that involve science, technology, engineering and math. Beyond science and engineering principles, a VEX Robotics project encourages teamwork, leadership and problem solving among groups and allows educators to easily customize projects to meet the level of students’ abilities.

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The VEX platform is expanding rapidly and is now found in middle schools, high schools and university labs around the globe.

The competition will feature teams from Monroe; Bloomfield Hills; Detroit; Sterling Heights; Highland Park; Novi; Clarkston; Carleton; and Marion, Ohio. Monroe's entries are by the Technology First organization, and the team's names are "Virus" and "Virus B."

The winner of the event will be invited to participate in the 2013 VEX Robotics High School Championships.

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