



UPCOMING EVENTS

DYR Tournament
November 18

Mock Kickoff
December 7

DYR Tournament
December 17

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UC DAVIS PRESENTATIONS

On October 16, Amanda Liu and Kyle Stachowicz gave a presentation to a group of UC Davis Deans and the new Chancellor, Gary May. In addition, Livy Taylor gave a demonstration of our 2017 robot, Pomelo Pummeler. We discussed our team and the goals we have for the 2017-2018 season, and requested a continuation of the UC Davis sponsorship we receive each year. UC Davis continues to be our biggest sponsor.



CAPITAL CITY CLASSIC

On October 28-29, our team helped host the off-season competition, Capital City Classic. The weekend-long event was attended by teams from California, Oregon, and Idaho. Our team progressed through the matches until we won in the finals. The event, attended by many members of our team, went off without a hitch thanks to our many parent and student volunteers. Over 140 people from our team helped carpool, set up the competition, sell concessions, and perform other various tasks on all three days. Additionally, Citrus Circuits students and mentors presented a series of workshops designed to share ideas and talk about subjects important to FRC teams. This event was an opportunity for us to assist and encourage other teams in all aspects of FIRST.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

On October 14, Citrus Circuits held a Parent Information Night at DHS in room M-1, and over 100 parents showed up. The purpose was to introduce parents to the team's goals, expectations of the students, and how to support the team. During the meeting, parents enjoyed a BBQ potluck and a robot demo while Amanda Liu, Kyle Stachowicz, Mengxuan Zhang, Sam Chung, Maya Brandy, and Ayush Malik all spoke about the different subteams and how the team functions together. The information presented that night helped parents develop a better, deeper understanding of how the team works and the environment.



INTERVIEW WITH FIRST-YEAR TEAM MEMBER NATHAN MCALLISTAR

Q: How has Citrus Circuits gotten you more involved with your peers?

A: Citrus Circuits has introduced me to a ton of awesome people. Everyone on the team has been super nice, and I love spending time with everyone. Being able to spend time with with people through something like robotics really allows you to bond with them on multiple levels.

Q: How do you think participating in Citrus Circuits would help with a college application?

A: Citrus Circuits will help me apply for college by being something that I participated that I gave a lot of my time to and was passionate about. It will have taught me a bunch of important life skills as well as technical skills and provided volunteering opportunities for me to take advantage of.

Q: What skills has Citrus Circuits taught you that you wouldn't have learned in school

A: Citrus has introduced me to physics concepts that I may not have learned until later in high school or even until college.

Q: Would you be a part of Citrus Circuits again next year?

A: I am most definitely going to continue to be on Citrus Circuits all through high school. I've loved the first couple months of being on the team a lot.

AMAZON SMILE

Davis Robotics Foundation has now joined Amazon Smile, a fantastic program that donates 0.5% of your purchases on Amazon to non-profit organizations! Amazon Smile is the exact same shopping experience as Amazon, and comes at no extra cost. All you have to do is go to AmazonSmile.com, type in Davis Robotics Foundation, click select, and your purchases will immediately start benefitting Citrus Circuits. Don't forget to sign up before the holiday season!

DYR EVENT

On October 21, Citrus Circuits was happy to hold this year's first DYR competition in the DHS South Gym. During the event, the DYR teams played the VEX IQ Ringmaster Challenge, where robots need to collect points by scoring rings during the game. Each team had three months to build the standard VEX robot and make their own adjustments to create a finalized product. At the competition, 1678 students ran the event by volunteering as judges, score keepers, field resetters, and filling in all necessary job openings. A total of 20 teams participated in qualification matches, and ten teams moved on to the semi-finals. In the end, we handed out awards for the team challenge, excellence, judges, sportsmanship, skills, and the best STEM presentation.

MADTOWN THROWDOWN

To conclude the 2017 competition season, on November 10-11, Citrus Circuits traveled to Madra High School to compete in Madtown Throwdown, hosted by MadTown Robotics. Along with 26 teams from California, Citrus Circuits brought a practice robot, a new gear robot that was built in the summer, and the Pomelo Pummeler. This allowed travel team members to participate on drive teams for the extra robots and compete in the competition. All three robots played in quarterfinals, and Pomelo Pummeler finished after semifinals.