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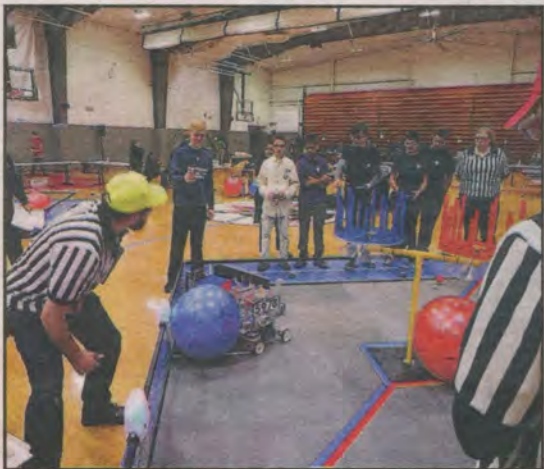
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Students build robots for challenge

Students, ages 12 to 18, worked alongside adult mentors to design, build, program and operate robots to play a floor game in an alliance format on a 12-foot-by-12-foot field, at the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Tech Challenge scrimmage.

Held in December at Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School (LuHi) in Brookville, the scrimmage was the first event in the 2016-2017 FIRST Tech Challenge season on Long Island. The final Qualifying Tournament will be held in Syosset, on Jan. 28; and The Long Island Championship will be held in Smithtown on Feb. 11.



Students demonstrated their problem-solving skills, creative thinking, teamwork and more at the scrimmage.

"The LuHi community is still buzzing about the FIRST Tech Challenge event," said Ed Parry, director of summer programs. "They loved the atmosphere and the people involved. We look forward to hosting this event in the coming years."

FIRST is presented by School-Business Partnerships of Long Island, Inc. For more information on FIRST Tech Challenge and the other programs FIRST offers, visit: sbpli-lifirst.org.