

Kalani Robotics Needs Help

Kalani Robotics (in alliance with Leilehua and Baldwin high schools) won first place at the April 6, 2013 FIRST in Hawaii Regional Robotics Competition (www.hawaiiroc.org/first-robotics/2013-frc-results). Kalani's young team consists mainly of freshmen and sophomores and one junior. Both females and males actively participate. Despite their youthfulness and inexperience, they are imaginative in creating defense strategies that are very effective – the reason Leilehua and Baldwin selected Kalani to join their alliance. This is a resourceful team whose work occurs in a small and humble workshop garage.

The winning alliance will be heading to St. Louis, Missouri to compete in the FIRST World Championship, April 24-27, 2013. Since the school year started, Kalani's team has engaged in several endeavors to earn money. One is the organization and teaching of robotic workshops to younger students. Another is their own creation and sale of Bristlebot kits (toothbrushes, motors, and batteries) that youngsters very much enjoy. It should be noted that these efforts are *completely student run* and earned Kalani's team the Entrepreneurship Award at the 2013 Hawaii Regional Robotics Competition. However, their earnings cover only a fraction of the cost of competing in St. Louis. The competition registration fee alone is \$5,000.00. Each student's family and teacher will be paying for their travel and lodging. The team is hoping for \$20,000 in donations to help defray expenses for competition participation for ten students and two teachers.

If you are considering a donation:

1. Checks may be made out to: **Kalani Robotics Academy**
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Any donation will be much appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.