



Advancing STEM for Students in South Texas

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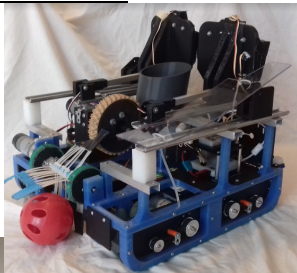
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Our Mission Statement

"To empower students of all ages to collaboratively explore, learn, and lead using science, technology, engineering, and math." (ASSiST Bylaws, approved 10-5-15)



FIRST Tech Challenge Team #8668
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Beginning with one high school robotics team operating out of a garage, ASSiST has expanded to include six robotics teams serving children in grades 4-12 throughout our communities. Four of the teams compete in FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) which is open to grades 7-12, and two ASSiST teams competed in FIRST Lego League (FLL) which serves students aged 9-14. All ASSiST teams participate in a variety of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) outreach activities throughout the year encouraging the formation of and providing mentoring to new teams throughout the greater Houston area. In addition, by conducting a variety of STEM workshops for students, teachers, coaches, and parents, ASSiST strives to stimulate interest in communities where no similar opportunity currently exists.

By culturing community partnerships, ASSiST teams fund the competition season as much as possible in order to eliminate financial hurdles for students of all socio-economic situations. Established as a TX nonprofit corporation on 9-30-15, ASSiST received IRS 501c3 designation on 6-16-16.



FTC Team Redstone Warriors
(2016-17)



FTC Team Name Wanted (Dead or Alive)
(2016-17)



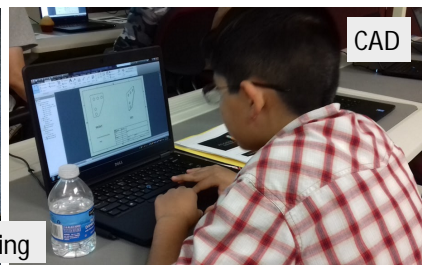
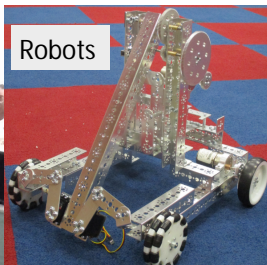
FLL Team Thunderbolts
(2016-17)



Three ASSiST FLL Teams, SE Texas Regional Championship Dec. 2015



Ecobot, May 2015



Frequently Asked Questions:

How is ASSiST funded?

Currently, ASSiST has no regular income but also has no overhead or operating expenses since all ASSiST mentors and board members are volunteers and receive no monetary compensation. Teams that are part of ASSiST must fundraise for the team's equipment purchases, registration fees, etc. If ASSiST receives donations not designated for a particular team, the ASSiST board will determine how to disperse the donation to member teams.

Is ASSiST a 501(c)(3)?

Yes. On 9-30-15, Texas recognized ASSiST as a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation. On 6-17-16, ASSiST received IRS 501(c)(3) approval. Upon request, IRS tax receipts will be provided for all donations to ASSiST or member teams. Texas has also granted ASSiST a sales tax exemption for some purchases related to ASSiST expenses.

What monetary benefits do ASSiST member teams receive?

ASSiST has no budget to fund teams directly. But, as a nonprofit entity, ASSiST receives funds on behalf of a team and re-grants 100% of the funds back to the designated team thereby giving the team the advantage of tax free status. In addition, member teams can use the ASSiST tax number to make approved tax-free purchases as needed for the team. (Note: Since member teams are not a part of the public school system and do not receive public tax dollars, teams must fundraise for all their needs.)

What other benefits do ASSiST member teams receive?

Teams and their adult mentors receive networking, support, and the benefit of sharing experience with others who have similar goals. Teams share technical knowledge such as engineering, programming, project management, equipment (if available), 3-D printing, laser cutting/etching, CAD, etc. As time allows, the older students (ie: high school teams) are encouraged to mentor the younger students (ie: rookie team members or elementary teams).

How are business decisions made?

ASSiST is a nonprofit Corporation run by the board members listed below:

President—Clarissa Belbas

Vice- President—Matthew Steakley

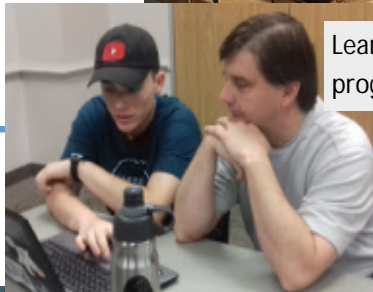
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