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**(1) Scholarships offered to Global Robotics Art Festival (GRAF) Winners**

New this year: LTU is offering two \$2,000 renewable SCHOLARSHIPS for the winners of Senior Division GRAF, to be held in conjunction with RoboParade on October 25 at Macomb Community College. All high school students are invited to compete for the scholarships by entering an intelligent and interactive visual or performing art robot. Don't pass up this chance to display your robotic creativity and win a scholarship! To register, go to <http://www.robofest.net>.

**(2) World Robot Olympiad (WRO) National Championship at LTU 9/27**

WRO will be taking place this Saturday, September 27, at LTU from 8 am – 4:30 pm. Come watch the USA's best WRO teams compete to win the national title and the opportunity to travel to Sochi, Russia to represent the U.S. at the international World Robot Olympiad. For more information, go to <http://wroboto.us>. Open to the public and admission is free.

**(3) RoboParades**

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual RoboParade will have a Halloween theme this year. The event will be held in conjunction with GRAF on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at Macomb Community College Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48088. Registration is now open at <http://www.robofest.net>.

Florida RoboParade, will be held November 8 and registration is now open.

If you are interested in hosting RoboParade in your city, please check out the Information to become a RoboParade Site Host in 2014-15 at <http://robofest.net/index.php/for-site-hosts>

**(4) RoboParade Workshop October 4**

A workshop instructing students and coaches on programming Lego EV3 robots using EV3 software for the upcoming RoboParade will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2014, 9:00am - 12 noon at LTU. Teams must be registered for the RoboParade to be held October 25 in Warren; an adult coach is recommended to

attend with students, and it is also recommended that the team bring their own laptop. Basic assembled EV3 robots will be provided. There is no charge for the workshop for teams registered for RoboParade.

**(5) Seeking Site Hosts for 2014~15 Competitions**

Robofest provides unique opportunities to maximize math and science learning through autonomous robotics. However, in contrast to other big robotics competitions, it does not require teams to hold major fundraisers to underwrite the cost of participation. Robofest is now seeking site hosts for the 2014~15 year. Hosting opportunities for Robofest Game and Exhibition in Feb ~ early April of 2015 are available. Interested individuals, organizations, or schools should contact Robofest office at [robofest@ltu.edu](mailto:robofest@ltu.edu) or check out <http://robofest.net/index.php/for-site-hosts>

**(6) Annual Report**

The 2013~2014 Annual Report is now available on the web at <http://www.robofest.net/2014/robofest14report.pdf>

**(7) Official Robofest 2013~14 Overview Video**

Official Robofest Overview Video summarizing 2013-14 year in 9 min 26 seconds is on YouTube at: <http://youtu.be/2KPPPd3lbc>

**(8) Save the Dates for Robofest 2015**

Thu. Dec. 4, 2014 Time TBD, Kick-off meeting and webinar

Sat. May 2, 2015: Michigan Championship

Fri. May 15, 2015: World Championship BottleSumo, UMC, and WISER

Sat. May 16, 2015: World Championship Game, Exhibition, and VCC

**(9) New Robofest Coordinator**

Ms. Kathleen Hadley (khadley "at" LTU.edu) became a full-time Robofest Coordinator from September 15th, 2014. Welcome on board!

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