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GATEWAY ROBOTICS CHALLENGE SET FOR LINDENWOODS

HYLAND ARENA

September 14, 2018



FIRST Robotics will hold its Gateway Robotics Challenge at Lindenwood University's Hyland Arena on Sept. 29 as part of the organization's partnership with the university. The "off-season" event will be a competition among high school-level teams that competed in the FIRST Robotics competition in March, using the same course and challenge.

The event will begin with opening ceremonies at 9:30 a.m., followed by various rounds of competition and closing ceremonies at 5:30 p.m. The Hyland Arena is located on Lindenwood's St. Charles campus at 209 S. Kingshighway. Admission is free for spectators.

As a first-time sponsor of FIRST Robotics, Lindenwood hosted a kick-off event Jan. 6 at the university's J. Scheidegger for the Arts, where high school-level teams learned the details of the challenge for this year's competition and could inspect some scale models of the game pieces. The competition took place in March in St. Louis with 170-pound industrial-grade robots, designed by the student teams specifically to complete the challenge. The Sept. 29 event offers teams another opportunity to compete with the same challenge as was used in the March competition. Organizers expect 30 teams to take part.

“Lindenwood is delighted to continue its partnership with FIRST, bringing an amazing group of students to campus to participate in the Gateway Robotics Challenge this fall,” said Sara Wiedman, assistant vice president for enrollment management at Lindenwood. “Students involved with FIRST learn important life skills and leave with the confidence to be leaders in science and technology. These are exactly the types of students who thrive at Lindenwood University.”

Lindenwood and the Gateway Robotics Challenge are working with the Greater St. Charles Convention and Visitors Bureau for this event.

“We are thrilled to partner with the Convention and Visitors Bureau for this event,” Wiedman said. “The bureau says that they look forward to welcoming the visiting teams to the area and wishes all the teams best of luck with the competition.”

For more information about the event, visit gatewayroboticschallenge.com.