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WHO: Students from across the Kansas City Area
WHAT: Are building valuable career skills while they battle robots
WHEN: April 7, 2018, 10:00 AM—4:30 PM
WHERE: Olathe Northwest High School

(Kansas City, MO) Picture this: students from around the region building and battling 15-pound robots in front of a cheering audience. These students are highly engaged in a competition that is high-tech and cutting edge. While it's an entertaining pastime, it's also a path to a potential career in an industry that is exploding and looking for young people with just the right skill set— just the skill set learned by participating in BotsKC.

Paired with industry partners, BotsKC student teams design, build and battle light-weight robots in a gladiator-style competition. Through every step of the process, BotsKC students hone valuable STEM skills as well as the intangibles of teamwork, competitive spirit and the pride of ownership.

There are more than **76,000 manufacturing jobs in the metro Kansas City area**, and the industry is expected to grow by more than 5 percent in the next decade. Area manufacturers say one of their greatest issues is finding qualified employees to fill the void left by the retiring baby-boomer generation. There are **internships, scholarships and jobs available in the Kansas City area right now**. BotsKC positions students to fill this gap, and they'll be making an extremely competitive salary.

Come witness the action at Olathe Northwest High School on Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 10:00 AM—4:30 PM. They're battling robots, but we're building skills for the future.

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