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**RELEASE DATE: APRIL 19, 2024**

- WHO:** Student bot builders from across the MoKan region
- WHAT:** Are gearing up for a robot battle to the finish for the title of BotsKC Grand Champion
- WHEN:** Battle Schedule:  
April 26, 2024, 4:00 PM—6:30 PM  
April 27, 2024, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
- WHERE:** Johnson County Community College Field House  
12345 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66210

(April 19, 2024 — Overland Park, KS) It's the moment that bot-building students have been waiting for: the BotsKC Annual Competition. Since school began last fall, students have been designing, engineering, building and testing their 15-pound robots. Each student arrives with the hope that THEIR bot will be the strongest, longest-lasting in the battle. This double elimination competition tests ingenuity, craftsmanship and skill. And while only one team will be declared the champion, it's a win for all the students and the manufacturing industry in the MoKan region.

Working with manufacturing industry mentors, students learn and utilize valuable STEM skills as well as the intangibles of teamwork, competitive spirit and the pride of ownership. They're building combat robots, but also the skills necessary for manufacturing careers across the region and the nation.

By 2030, experts anticipate 4 million open manufacturing jobs in the U.S. Area manufacturers say one of their greatest challenges is finding qualified employees to fill the void left by the retiring baby-boomer generation. We're teaching high school students the necessary skills for those careers through combat robotics. There are internships, scholarships and jobs available right here, right now. BotsKC positions students to fill this gap, and making an extremely competitive salary. They're building robots, but we're building a regional workforce. Come FEEL THE IMPACT of BotsKC.

This event is free event and open to the public at Johnson County Community College.

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## 2024 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

**MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS: COLLEGE TEAMS:**

CPHE  
Excelsior Springs  
Ft Zumwalt South HS  
Ft. Zumwalt West High School  
Grain Valley High School  
Harrisonville High School  
Kearney Middle School  
Mind Drive  
Monett High School  
Olathe Northwest  
St Clair High School  
St. Anthony High School  
Teutopolis High School

Kansas State University  
LaTourneau University  
Missouri S&T

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