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**THE ROBOLANCERS RECEIVE \$3,000 DONATION FROM
THE COMCAST CORPORATION**

Philadelphia, PA - Central High School's robotics team, the RoboLancers, has been awarded a \$3,000 grant by the Comcast Corporation, which is being presented to the team on behalf of certain Comcast Engineers. The FIRST organization referred Comcast to the RoboLancers for all of their work in the robotics community.

In addition, the RoboLancers are being provided with a mentor under the Comcast FIRST Mentor Program. Daniel Marut, Principal Software Engineer, will be a welcome addition to the RoboLancers for the 2013-2014 FRC season.

RoboLancers Team President, Etienne Jacquot, 273, said, "While it is the students who make this team special, it is our generous sponsors which make our dreams possible. The costs of running a robotics team range from nuts and bolts to power tools to dinner for our members when we stay late. Many parents donate to the team, but we are sustained through our corporate sponsors. As a Philadelphia team, we are extremely grateful to have Comcast, a Philadelphia corporate giant, support our team."

The RoboLancers is a student-operated, adult-mentored robotics program based out of Central High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The program was founded in 1999 as FIRST Robotics Team 321 and included five students from the school. Since then, the program has evolved into a multi-faceted organization of more than 125 students and ten adult mentors that - with a \$20,000 per year budget - competes in two to three competitions, hosts various STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) training and outreach programs around the City of Philadelphia, and has become a shining example of what students in a struggling urban setting can do if given the opportunity. Additional information about the RoboLancers can be found at <https://www.robolancers.com>.

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