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## CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL'S ROBOLANCERS (FIRST TEAM #321) ARE THE RECIPIENTS OF A \$1,000 DONATION FROM IGNITE PHILLY

Philadelphia, PA – Ignite Philly, which is part of a worldwide network that entertains and educates people in short five minute bursts, made a \$1,000 donation to Central High School's robotics team, the RoboLancers, FIRST Team #321. Ignite Philly focuses on people in Philadelphia involved in cool projects.

Receiving the donation on behalf of the RoboLancers, Head Coach Daniel Ueda said, "I was invited to speak at Ignite Philly #12 six months ago about the RoboLancers because of press we had gotten in the fall, and was invited back to #13 to receive a check on behalf of the team. The \$1,000 we received from Ignite will be used to help the team update to the new cRIO that teams will use next year."

Mr. Ueda's original speech at Ignite Philly #12 may be seen in its entirety at: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrPj9tqITWo</u>. Additional information about Ignite Philly can be found at their webpage: <u>http://ignitephilly.org</u>.

The Central High School RoboLancers are a student-operated, adult-mentored robotics team that was founded in 1999 as FIRST Robotics Team 321. The program started with five students from the school and grew into an organization of more than 125 students and ten student mentors. They work with a \$20,000 per year budget and compete in two or three competitions per year. The RoboLancers host various STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) training and outreach programs all over Philadelphia and the team 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 <a href="https://www.robolancers.com">https://www.robolancers.com</a>.

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