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ROBOT WARS FOR FOOTHILL, DE ANZA STUDENTS

**Community College Students Put Engineering Skills to the Test at DEEP Robotics Competition,
Saturday, June, 7, 2008**

WHAT: DEEP Robotics Competition

Sponsored by the Developing Effective Engineering Pathways (DEEP) program, the special robotics competition features teams of students from Foothill and De Anza Colleges, competing against each other using the Vex Robot Design System kit in a challenge based on the FIRST Tech Challenge Quad Quadry Game. Students' months of hard work, problem-solving, and team planning will culminate in a series of matches, testing their engineering skills and student-developed robot designs. In addition to constructing and programming robotic devices, students are also judged on their Engineering Notebook, which tracks their progress, successes, and challenges throughout the design process.

WHO: About 26 community college students in teams from Foothill and De Anza Colleges participating in DEEP program

WHEN: Saturday, June 7, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(Competition 10:00 – 11:30 and Awards Ceremony from 11:30 – 12:30)

WHERE: De Anza College
21250 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Cupertino, CA 95014
Hinson Campus Center, Conference Rooms A & B

WHY: To contribute to ongoing efforts to support community college students from underrepresented backgrounds, the DEEP Robotics Competition will expose students to different areas of engineering, help students gain essential project management and technical skills, and provides students with experience in real world situations in product development and team environments. UC Santa Cruz Educational Partnership Center (EPC) and Baskin School of Engineering and Foothill and De Anza Colleges have joined together on the NSF-funded DEEP program to provide ongoing advising, academic support, and enrichment opportunities to help students create a successful educational plan leading to a career in engineering. Robotics competition awards include the Alliance Award, Team Award, Engineering Notebook Award, and T-shirt Design Award. More information is available at <http://deep.soe.ucsc.edu/robotics-competition> or <http://epc.ucsc.edu>.

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