



# SOLA ROBOTICS NEWSLETTER

## WHAT’S NEW FOR SOLA ROBOTICS THIS QUARTER?

### UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Now! Through Aug 9 Summer Camp at SoLA I Can Tech Center

Now! Black Girls Code Camp at SoLA Beehive

Now! Tech Tuesdays at Best Buy Teen Tech Center

July 27 - SoLA Robotics Summer Kickback!

July 22 - Black College Success STEM Day by LA Promise Fund

Aug 6 - City of Gardena Back to School Event - Backpack giveaway

Sept 14 - Launch of Adult and Youth weekend classes

### CRENSHAW FAMILY YMCA PARTNERS FOR THE SOLA YOUTH SHOWDOWN ROBOTICS COMPETITION



The 2nd annual SoLA Youth Showdown occurred on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at the Beehive in south LA. Thanks to a partnership with the Crenshaw YMCA led by Executive Director Aaron Hall, 100 youths competed before an audience of 500 parents, volunteers, community members, and supporters. This event was hosted by the talented Dawn Dai Speaks and made possible by the generous support of VIAM Robotics, 2nd District Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Councilmember Curren Price, Councilwoman Heather Hutt, The Inglewood Educational Foundation, Community Build, and Langdon Park Capital.

The SoLA Youth Showdown (SYS) showcases skills learned through rigorous classroom training. This year, teams showed exceptional proficiency, competing for the title of SYS champion. Congratulations to Major level winners “Team VRTI”, now 2-time winners of the SoLA Youth Showdown, and Prime level winners “Team Pee-Wee Bots”, both from New Heights Charter school (Coach William Chavez).

### THIS SEASON IN THE COMMUNITY:



Founder and Executive Director of Learning by Design Charter School, Charla Austin-Harris, joined SoLA Robotics for a live broadcast with Gayle Anderson of KTLA Channel 5 News on May 14th. Mrs. Austin-Harris spoke about the importance of the school's mission and vision which includes innovation and design with robotics. Learning By Design has made incredible strides in diverse program offerings and SoLA Robotics is proud to contribute to the LBD community. Way to go, Charla!

### PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:

Bethany Baldwin Community Development Center has joined with SoLA Robotics to provide more community classes in 2024!



Thanks to BBCDC, local students were able to take Saturday classes to prepare for the spring SYS robotics competition. Bethany Baldwin CDC is continuing the collaboration with new adult classes this fall offering 3D modeling and AI.

We listened to the community's desire for more adult learning opportunities and are excited to launch them this September. Stay tuned for this exciting opportunity!



### WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are integral to the success of our nonprofit. Consider spending your time with SoLA Robotics. **Sign up today!**

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### DONOR SPOTLIGHT:



We're thrilled to give a massive shoutout to our esteemed sponsor, PPG, for their invaluable support in enabling dozens of students to access FREE robotics classes this year! Thanks to PPG's visionary sponsorship, SOLA Robotics was able to host free Saturday and Sunday classes in hands-on robotics instruction for local students. This aided in expanded access, bringing classes closer to the Crenshaw Corridor. Thank you, PPG!

Want to contribute toward the SoLA Robotics? Please **DONATE here.**

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