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RoboWarriors Place Second in First League Cup 2023, Thanks to Youth STEM Program at Bell Tech Center

Bell, CA - February 14, 2023 - The RoboWarriors, a robotics team from Southeast Community Development Corporation (SCDC), recently placed second at the First Lego League Cup 2023 in San Diego, California. The competition brought together 50 teams from across the region.

The RoboWarriors are a group of exceptional young individuals who regularly attend robotics classes at the SCDC Bell Tech Center. SCDC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bridging the digital divide by providing resources and opportunities for underserved Southeast Los Angeles communities.

The [STEM classes](#) provided by SCDC have been a transformative experience, providing students with access to high-quality resources that have allowed them to develop a strong foundation in robotics and programming. "We're incredibly proud of the RoboWarriors and their accomplishments at the First Lego League Cup," said Emma Hernandez, Chief Executive Officer at SCDC. "Digital Equity is a long road, it takes dedication and hard work of the students and their parents as well as community investments from funders, together we can make digital equity possible."

"We are grateful for SCDC and their ongoing efforts to support families and students in the community," said Karen Garcia, Robotics Coach at SCDC. "Their work is a reminder of the incredible impact that can be achieved when dedicated individuals come together to address critical social issues."

Giovanni Gomez, an eighth-grader at Orchard Academies and longtime attendee of the Bell Tech Center program, was part of the RoboWarriors team that placed second in the First Lego League Cup. "My three children have attended the afterschool programs and summer tech camp with SCDC, and are on the RoboWarriors team. My oldest, Giovanni started attending when he was only seven years old," said Adelaida Almeida, Giovanni's mother. "The classes have given him a great foundation in STEM and robotics, and we're so proud of his accomplishments with the RoboWarriors."

Please join us Friday, February 17, 2023 from 4:30-6pm to celebrate the success of the RoboWarriors at 4357 Gage Ave.

For more information about the RoboWarriors and their achievements, please contact Jasmine Kim at [jasmine.kim@scdcorp.org](mailto:jasmine.kim@scdcorp.org).

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