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IWA Angelbots win Best Project trophy in first regional robotics championship



Eldon Cass, from left, John (Andy) Anderson Kretsinger, Alekzander (Alek) Brysch, Howard Ludlow, Gabriel Armstrong, and Diego Roberts from Incarnate Word Academy won the trophy for Best Project on March 23. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Incarnate Word Academy robotics students from Howard Ludlow's classes competed in the First Lego Robotics Regional Championship on Mar. 23 in San Antonio.

The IWA Robotics team, the Angelbots, won the trophy for Best Project and came in fifth out of 58 teams in the Robot Game for an overall fifth-place finish. Out of the 50,000 teams participating in this competition, IWA placed in the top 1,000 teams worldwide.

The Angelbots team members are eighth-grader Alek Brysch and seventh-graders Gabriel Armstrong, Eldon Cass, Andy Kretsinger, and Diego Roberts.

This year's competition, titled Into Orbit, dealt with space and space travel.

During the Robot Game segment, participating teams program their robots to perform a series of Missions or challenges within two minutes and 30 seconds. In the project portion, teams

complete a science project in which they determine and define a real-world problem pertaining to space, design a solution, and defend that solution against a panel of judges.

The Angelbots' project compared the pros and cons of various types of rocket fuel and proposed a chemically correct formula for a hybrid rocket fuel that offered better performance.



Armstrong, Anderson Kretsinger, back center, Roberts, center, Brysch, and Cass, front, pose together at the First Lego Robotics Regional Championship.



Anderson Kretsinger (from left), Armstrong, Roberts and Cass work on their robot during the competition.



Armstrong, left, Anderson Kretsinger make adjustments to their robot.



A referee watches over Armstrong, left, and Anderson Kretsinger.



Roberts, from left, Cass, Anderson Kretsinger, Armstrong show their project board.

SOCIETY CALENDAR

APRIL 7: Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi, 6901 Holly Road, presents the program "Unitarians, Transylvania and Religious Freedom" at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 7. Come learn about the Edict of Torda (1568), an early declaration of religious toleration – made by a Unitarian king, nonetheless! Unitarianism was officially recognized for the first time in the history in the Edict of Torda. And that proclamation is our legacy: to be a spiritual tradition that resists hatred, oppression and the narrow view that there is only one way to be religious. Information: 361-986-8855.

APRIL 11: The Coastal Bend Food Bank's 14th Biennial Harvest of Hope Banquet will be from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 11 at the Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center, 402 Harbor Drive. This year's fundraising dinner honors Robert & Chris Adler with The Bill Crook Award for their charitable work and support and Larry Elizondo Sr. with The President's Award for his support in helping to further the mission of reducing hunger in South Texas through food distribution. Barbecue dinner provided by the Corpus Christi Mustangs. Cost: \$100 individual. Information: 361-887-6291 or <https://coastalbendfoodbank.org/>.

APRIL 12: St. Pius X Catholic School will host its 16th annual golf classic on Friday, April 12 at the Corpus Christi Country Club, 6300 Everhart Road. Registration begins at noon followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. It will be a four-player scramble, best ball and best position. Fee includes cart and green fees, free beverages, ditty bag, lunch, door prizes, awards and refreshments after play. Cost: \$175 after March 23. Information 361-992-1343, www.stpiusxschoolcc.org or <http://www.stpiusxschoolcc.org>.

APRIL 12: The American Center Society hosts several Relay for Life events in South Texas. The Corpus Christi relay will be from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, April 12 at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds, 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd., Robstown. The Flour Bluff-NAS-Padre Island relay will be from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Friday April 13 at Flour Bluff Junior High Stadium, 207 Hustlin' Hornet Drive. The Jim Wells and Duval counties relay will be from 6-10 p.m. Friday, April 26 at Anderson Park, 2290 N. Texas Blvd, Alice. Information and donations: 361-857-0136 or relayforlife.org.

APRIL 13: The Island Foundation Whoop It Up "Roaring '20s" gala will be from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, April 13 at the Schlitterbahn ballroom, 14353 Commodore Drive. Benefitting the Seashore Charter Schools, the gala features live music, dancing, live and silent auctions, gourmet dinner and dessert bar, cigar stand, cash bar and photo ops all with a Roaring '20s theme. 21+ only. Cost: \$40 per ticket before April 1; \$50 at the door; \$500 reserved table of 8 (general seating is limited). Information: ecomery@seashore-esc2.net or <https://seashorecharterschools.com>.

APRIL 14: Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi, 6901 Holly Road, presents the program "Industrial Expansion in the Coastal Bend: Challenging the Challenges" at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 14. As Earth Day nears, Isabel Araiza, professor and community activist, will share what she has learned about the recent and proposed industrial expansion in the Coastal Bend and how it is problematic when it comes to our environment and public health. Information: 361-986-8855.

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