



ROBOTICS TEAM: Rookie Team Success



Assets High School formed our first robotics team with FIRST Tech Challenge, where we were tasked with designing, building, programming, and operating robots to compete in a head-to-head competition in an alliance format across the state. The Assets Robotics Team consists of ten 9th graders, two 10th grade student coaches, and one 12th grade student advisor.

The team learned the value of hard work as they not only had to build a robot, but also apply STEM skills, engineering principles, be innovative, and work together every step of the way, finishing their rookie season with a 12th place finish out of 34 teams across the state!

High School teacher Peter Han, who lead the team, said: "This is the hardest fun one can have. Students had to build the robot in under six weeks, compete under pressure during games, and manage their stress levels and problem solve when the robot broke down. It's one of the best life skill experiences students can get. I loved it!"

The Robotics Team will be able to build on its success next season as we just received a very generous donation that will allow more students to participate and implement ideas into the robots as well as access to much needed equipment!

NEW: Website Launch



Exciting news, #greatminds! Assets School is launching a new website this month. The new site will be a one-stop shop for all things Assets related, including portals for parents, faculty & staff, and alumni. There will also be information on admissions, athletics, volunteer opportunities, donation forms, and events.

Keep an eye on your email and Assets School's social media channels for the launch date and a fun contest!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Illumination Gala



Our largest fundraising gala of the year is fast approaching. [Table sales](#) are live now, with individual ticket sales starting in mid-January when invitations are mailed.

Saturday, March 2, 2019
The Royal Hawaiian
5:00pm-9:00pm

We need your help! Currently looking for volunteers to help with invitation compilation and mailing. [Sign-up here](#) to help our #greatminds by volunteering on the K-8 Campus on January 16th.

ANNUAL FUND: Support our Transforming Lives FUNd



"What percentage of parents, faculty & staff, and trustees donate to your annual fund?"

We're asked this question when applying for grants or asking for support from funders. Percentage of giving is often seen as a measure of interest, engagement, and involvement. It's a simple way of gauging how invested our community is in our school.

Participation is not tied to a dollar amount; please [consider giving](#) what you can. **The higher the percent of participation among our community, the more attractive we are to funders.**

Our annual fund is called the [Transforming Lives FUNd](#). The power of an Assets education for our students is transformational. Help us leverage more support from funders, make a gift, and be counted. Your donation will count for much more when we receive additional funds from grants!

ALUMNI LUNCHEON: Sharing Wisdom



On Wednesday, December 19th, our High School students had the opportunity to hear from alumni on multiple topics, including: transitioning to college, dorm life, college athletics, bouncing back from setbacks, studying abroad, accommodations, managing stress, life after college, LGBTQ in college, running a business, investments, goal setting, and dealing with setbacks.

Following the presentations, students and alumni had the chance to network over lunch in Damon Hall. Mahalo to all alumni speakers and lunch attendees. It was wonderful to see you back on campus!

KEY INFORMATION: Upcoming Dates & Staying Connected



- January 7: Return from Winter Break
- January 9: Illumination Volunteer Meeting (K-8 Campus)
- January 15: Single Parent's Group Meeting (K-8 Campus)
- January 17: K-12 Parent Conferences
- January 18: HS Parent Conferences & K-8 Professional Development (No School for Students)
- January 21: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)
- January 27: Public Open House (K-8 Campus)



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