

# Woodland Robotics Receive \$15,000 Grant From Yocha Dehe Giving

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WOODLAND, CA – Woodland High school students are preparing for their upcoming 2024 season through intense training with help from the Yocha Dehe Community Fund. The grant announced this past week will support the students of Team 5458: Digital Minds as they participate in FIRST® Robotics educational programs and competitions designed to inspire learning about science, technology, engineering, and math.

Team 5458: Digital Minds is made up of local high school students (homeschooled, public, FLEX academy, etc.) around Woodland. In competition, the robot they build will be evaluated for its performance of a specified task through alliances and competition with other robots.

“We’re extremely grateful for their continued support,” said Head Coach Creed Watts. “We wouldn’t have had the success we’ve had and we wouldn’t be able to serve the number of students that we do without the generous support of Yocha Dehe.”

The grant will help with the team’s costs including food, travel, registration to competitions, and expenses for the robot itself. The team plans to attend the FRC World Championships in Houston, TX. With the help of this grant, they can purchase materials to build complex robots and include more members on the travel team.

“Attending the World Championships in Houston was the highlight of my freshman year,” said Joelle Bikoba, Co-Captain of Digital Minds. “Although we didn’t qualify this year, we are working hard to attend this upcoming season.”

“The Community Fund remains committed to supporting our younger generations and building positive community endeavors. We wish Team 5458: Digital Minds, the best of luck in their future innovations and upcoming season,” said the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Tribal Council.

**About Yocha Dehe Giving:** Guided by traditional values of giving and sharing, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is dedicated to building healthy communities through engaged philanthropy and strategic alliances.

**About FRC Team 5458: Digital Minds** FRC Team 5458 Digital Minds is a FIRST Robotics team founded in August 2014 when the Davis High School’s FIRST Robotics team, 1678 Citrus Circuits, introduced their passion for robotics to the Woodland High School and Pioneer High School students. Our goal is to provide a hands-on STEM learning experience free of charge to all high school students throughout the Woodland area.

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