



# EDUHSD E-News

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## First Robotics Competition Sacramento Regional

Thousands of fans, families, educators, and industry leaders attended The First (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition Sacramento Regional in Davis, CA on March 23-25, 2017. With the hope of winning one of the several coveted awards, high school students worked with professional mentors to design and build a robot over a six-week period starting January 7, 2017. The process involved solving a problem with a standard set of rules while using ingenuity and creativity. Fifty-six high school student teams competed to earn a spot at the FIRST Championship in Houston, TX. Congratulations to the EDUHSD Circuit Breakers 3189 Robotics Team who were selected among the few to attend the FIRST Robotics Competition World Championships in April! We are so proud of you!



## 10th Annual Cake Auction

Virtual Academy hosted its 10th Annual Cake Auction on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Students made cartoon themed cakes to be judged on originality, creativity, design and color and then later auctioned off to the highest bidder. All proceeds go to the Virtual Academy's Internship Program. The Most Creative category winner went to Mikayla Fliflet for the Homer Simpson cake. The Most Colorful category winner went to Rowan Dorrans for the Harley Quinn cake. The Most Detail category winner went to Diana Mapagay for the Hello Kitty cake. The People's Choice category winner went to Justine Majewski for the Olaf in a Frozen Pool cake. Congratulations to all winners! Thank you to the Shingle Springs Miwok Bakery at Red Hawk for donating the highest auctioned off cake, Minnie Mouse, and a special thank you to all attendees for making this delicious fundraiser so successful!



## Defeat Bullying Positively

Independence High School welcomed guest speaker, Josh Drean, who delivered an engaging presentation on how to eliminate bullying in schools. His program seeks to reinforce positive behaviors in students by inspiring them to choose to be kind and respectful. Drean focuses on developing empathy, resiliency and self-respect in students to help them turn bullying experiences into a positive learning opportunity. Alison Gennai, Principal at Independence High School, said "Our mission is to create a safe, healthy and encouraging learning environment where students feel empowered to re-awaken their potential and belief in their futures. We strive to create a program where students ignite their self-esteem and begin to view themselves as capable and valuable community contributors. A dynamic speaker like Josh Drean can be a very powerful tool to help us on this mission. Independence students greatly benefitted from the opportunity to come together through such a motivating, inspiring assembly."

## TALK TO US! DO YOU HAVE UPDATES FOR FUTURE E-NEWS AND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS?

If you'd like us to help spread word about your High School's events, programs, clubs, awards, field trips, special projects and/or honors -- email them to [sfuson@eduhsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:sfuson@eduhsd.k12.ca.us) to be included in our bi-weekly E-News and Social Media posts.

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