

# Students build robot for upcoming competition

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The Jacket Integrated Academy at Carver High School will compete in a regional robotics competition from April 7-9 in Raleigh.

Team Yellow Jacket is coached by teacher Tabitha Moser and Lloyd Strachan, a Carver math teacher. Laura Murdock, Carol Poe, Alisa Poe and Connie Fletcher serve as the team's parents.

Team Yellow Jacket is a part of the NC FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics program, which is supported by JC Penney and NC 4-H.



Students have learned the ins and outs of robotics at pre-competition

events in Raleigh. Team Yellow Jacket has partnered with competition veterans, Team Platypi of Colfax. The team has been extremely helpful in the completion of Team Yellow Jacket's robot.

On Monday, Feb. 21, Team Yellow Jacket held a program to showcase its finished robot. The event was attended by managers from the local JC Penney, faculty members, students from Winston-Salem State University, representatives from NC 4-H, and a representative from Team Platypi and parents. The robot was shipped to the FIRST organization on Tuesday, Feb. 22 for inspection. The next time the students will see their robot will be at the regional competition in April.



Submitted Photos  
Students Keisha Poe and Breshaun Lyles with the robot.

Left: Students show how the robot works.



Some Apollo Night performers pose with FTCC administrators and leaders.

## FTCC students star in 'Apollo Night'

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The Forsyth Technical Community College Student Government Association took a stroll down West 125th Street in Harlem on Friday, Feb. 18 as they presented "Apollo Night" in the Ardmore Auditorium. More than 150 witnessed the show, which was emceed by Jerrell Barber. Darius Taylor served as the deejay and announcer and Ashley Bright acted as the hostess.

The ECF Dancers strutted down the aisle dressed in cheetah print leotards as they moved to the beat of "The Pink Panther" theme. Once they reached the stage, they danced through a medley of R & B and hip-hop hits as the audience cheered them on.

The singers delivered powerful solos and duets. Dai'Trell Ingram performed an original song called "Confused." Ysgmean



Jerrell Barber

Rippy received a standing ovation for her rendition of "Who You Are" by Jessie J.

Quanesha Hynes graced the stage to sing "His Eye is on the Sparrow," and Cory Plowden and Dai'Juan King performed a duet of "Beauty is Her Name" by Dru Hill. The Liquid Color Band wowed the crowd with "Use Me" by Bill Withers. Donald Hart and Lil Kevin Hart danced to "Teach Me How to Dougie."

Spoken word artists also rocked the house. Cleopatra King slammed "My Letter to Wayne," a poem criticizing rapper Lil' Wayne. Keyonna Morgan remembered the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina in her poem "Disaster City." Charles Simmons read a poem entitled "If I were Your Tears" and Mitchell Harris Jr. did his poem, "Think."

Each participant received a certificate of achievement. Ysgmean Rippy claimed first prize in the New School dance contest. Mitchell Harris won the

Old School Dance Contest, which featured the song "Flashlight."

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The ECF Dancers prepare to perform.

## WSSU's Parker wins award from NASCAR

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Brittani Parker, 22, of Winston-Salem, has received a NASCAR Diversity Internship Program Award for the work she did last summer with The NASCAR Foundation in Charlotte. The award is in recognition of exemplary personal effort to incorporate diversity in the motorsports industry.

"I still can't believe it," Parker said. "I'm elated to know that NASCAR selected me for such a prestigious recognition. It's truly an honor to have interned with the NASCAR Foundation last summer and to be recognized for the NASCAR Diversity Internship Program Award."

Parker served as lead coordinator for a



Parker

NASCAR Foundation-sponsored event at the NASCAR Hall of Fame that drew 3,000 inner-city youth and 1,000 business community members together to celebrate summer learning and the Freedom Schools Program. She also assisted with NASCAR Day projects, including event planning and project coordination of the Ronald McDonald playground built in Kansas City and provided coordination and support for events such as the Rusty Wallace Roast in Iowa.

The internship took place in the summer of 2010, following Parker's graduation from Winston-Salem State University with a B.A. degree in mass communications. She is now a graduate student in the master's degree program at East Carolina University.

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