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Merrimack High School Races to the Finish Line with RAPID
RAPID sponsors Merrimack High School's Robotics Team.

Nashua, NH – March 22, 2016 – RAPID, New Hampshire's largest prototype manufacturing company is sponsoring Merrimack High School's robotics team, Team Chop Shop 166. The sponsorship will include manufacturing sheet metal parts for a FIRST robotics approved robot.

Team Chop Shop 166 is the FIRST Robotics team for Merrimack, NH. The goal of the student-led group is to build a FIRST approved robot that will compete in a regional competition. Along with building a robot the team will develop students' skills to prepare them for post-graduation careers in STEM fields. Team Chop Shop 166 is divided in sub-groups including software, animation, pro-engineers, marketing, mechanical / electrical, and design. The groups tasked with designing and engineering will work with RAPID on designing and manufacturing sheet metal components for their robot.

FIRST Robotics is a program for students in high school and college with an interest in STEM fields. The organization was founded by Dean Kamen. FIRST hosts annual competitions where the students are able to showcase their robots and learn from others in the competition.

Scott Trecartin, New England Team Manager states, "The FIRST program is imperative to our future in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics fields. It is very exciting working closely with our future customers, and it is safe to say that I learn as much from them each year, as they learn from their mentors."

RAPID is looking forward to working with Team Chop Shop 166 in 2016. RAPID is honored to be building parts for the student organization and looking to foster an interest in STEM fields.

Jay Jacobs, RAPID CEO, states, "I enjoy working with students on building real-life skills. It is great to see them submit parts and their ideas come to life. I am looking forward to seeing the finished product for the 2016 team."

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