



"Admiral," the robot, on its way with check "in hand."

## GM Foundation Delivers Grant By Robot to KU

FLINT – It's hard to make a check-passing ceremony unique, but give credit to the General Motors Foundation and Kettering University for the old college try.

Employing one of the high school Michigan FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) competition robots from the 2012 Roundball Rumble competition, the foundation sent its grant by mechanical courier from GM Manufacturing Manager Gerald Johnson to Kettering President Robert McMahan.

More than 800 students and mentors from 42 FIRST teams were on hand for the annual Kettering Kickoff on Saturday, Sept. 22. They watched as Admiral, a robot built and programmed by the EngiNERDs, a GM-sponsored FIRST Robotics team from Grand Blanc High School, took the check across the court, including navigating a balance beam that was one of the obstacles from the competition.

It was a fitting way for Kettering President Robert McMahan to receive the check, which will be used by the university to raise



The check gets delivered.

awareness about the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) curricula, particularly among minorities and women.

"Education is a key focus area for the GM Foundation," said Johnson, a Kettering graduate who attended the event on behalf of the GM Foundation. "The GM Foundation's University Grants help students succeed in pursuing their goals in post-secondary education by providing resources to advance curricula supporting innovation, technology and manufacturing."

## Smoking Hazardous to Your Employment?

Beaumont and Henry Ford health systems announced on Sept. 28 that they will not hire job applicants who use tobacco products, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

Job applicants will be screened for signs of nicotine as part of the hiring process.

Beaumont and Henry Ford join a growing number of local and national health care systems that have implemented a no-nicotine hiring policy, reinforcing their commitment to good health and wellness.

"As health care providers, we have a responsibility to take a leadership role in promoting healthy behaviors – starting with ourselves," says Beaumont's president and CEO Gene Michalski.

Henry Ford CEO Nancy Schlichting says the "health and well-being of our patients, employees and visitors is our top priority. The no-nicotine policy strengthens our commitment as role models for providing a healthy environment for everyone at our facilities."

While the screening and ban on nicotine use only applies to new job applicants, Beaumont and Henry Ford also are enhancing their existing policies that prohibit the use of tobacco at their facilities, launched in 2007. This includes prohibiting employees from using tobacco products or smelling of tobacco at any time during their workday.

The measure represents Beaumont's and Henry Ford's ongoing commitment to patient safety and employee wellness. Tobacco products include but are not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and e-cigarettes. Employees who violate these policies are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Through its myOptimal Health employee wellness program, Beaumont will reward employees and spouses who don't smoke or who

participate in a smoking cessation program with a premium credit on their health insurance contributions. Smoking cessation programs and aids are also available as a support for employees and their spouses at no cost to them.

Henry Ford offers Health Alliance Plan's Health Engagement program, which offers lower out-of-pocket costs for employees who meet certain lifestyle requirements, including not using tobacco products. Smoking cessation support, which may include counseling, classes and

medications, are also available to all employees and their family members at no cost.

The offer of free cessation counseling or classes is also being extended to community members for a limited time. Community members who take part in Henry Ford's Tobacco Treatment Services, such as the Smoking Intervention Program and Freedom From Smoking classes, will be eligible for a discount on tobacco cessation medications when they purchase them at HFHS pharmacies.

## Adcraft's Ford Day Features Pink Fundraiser, 'American Idol' Winners

The Adcraft Club of Detroit continues its tradition of holding Ford Motor Company Day, with this year's celebration taking place on Friday, Oct. 26, at the Ford Conference & Event Center in Dearborn.

The entertainment will be provided by Phillip Phillips and Jessica Sanchez, the winner and first runner-up of season 11 of FOX's "American Idol."

Ford Day will also include a charitable component in support of Warriors in Pink. This year marks Ford's 18th year of support for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and the company has added three new breast cancer charities as a way to further the impact of the Warriors in Pink program.

The groups are: the Dr. Susan

Love Research Foundation, the Young Survival Coalition and The Pink Fund.

Over the past 18 years, Ford has dedicated more than \$115 million to the cause of curing breast cancer.

During the Ford Day/American Idols event, attendees can shop for Warriors in Pink apparel before and after the event. Both cash and credit cards will be accepted.

A full 100 percent of Ford Warriors in Pink apparel purchase proceeds goes directly to fight breast cancer. To learn more about Ford's efforts, visit [www.fordcares.com](http://www.fordcares.com).

This is a ticketed event. Payment must be submitted at time of registration or registration will be deleted. To learn more about the event, visit [www.adcraft.org](http://www.adcraft.org).

## Governor's Trip to China Aimed at Drawing More Business to Michigan

By JEFF KAROUB  
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LANSING (AP) – Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder said recently he hopes to return from more than a week in China with new and renewed business and trade relationships.

The Republican governor and former business executive said the Sept. 18-27 trip with other officials aims to boost trade, tourism and investment between the countries. It includes stops in Shanghai and several provincial capitals.

"It's a reasonable hope we'll have some good announcements coming out of it," Snyder told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "It's mainly to build relationships that hopefully will result in things in the next 12 months or so."

The China trip follows last September's trade mission to that country as well as South Korea and Japan.

He credits that trip with leading to economic developments, including the expansion of Hyundai America Technical Center Inc. near Ann Arbor.

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