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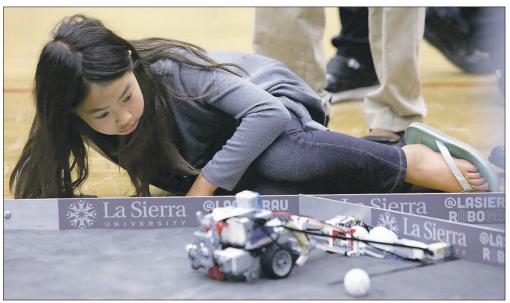


Family members watch and record as Robotus Maximus collects colored balls and dumps them out of the ring during the La Sierra University Robo Games in Riverside on Sunday.



Luc Trani, 11, of Norco starts Robotus Maximus for a five-minute contest during the Robo Games. About 24 students in first through 12th grade participated.

STUDENTS TAKE ON ROBOTICS CHALLENGE



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LSU Robotics Club member Gabrielle Kim watches as the team's robot gets stuck against the wall during the Robo Games contest on Sunday. Robots were made with Legos, Erector Sets and similar building kits.

fter hosting a popular youth robotics camp in summer, La Sierra University followed up Sunday with its first Robo Games.

About two dozen students in first through 12th grade worked in teams to build and program robots that were then timed as they moved colored balls into goals. Robots were made with Legos, Erector Sets and similar building kits.

A \$300 cash prize and \$3,000 scholarship to the Riverside university awaited each member of the first-place team.

In June, Enoch Hwang, who chairs the university's computer science department, will stage the second robotics camp.



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