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NORWALK, Calif. - August 16, 2012 - Cerritos College's Pathways Program hosted middle school and high school students in summer enrichment workshops.

For four weeks, 21 students from local k-12 school districts attended the robotics workshops and learned skills in assemblies, programing, Ethernet connections, robot building, IP address, communication, planning and teamwork.

“Students learned to build a robot from scratch using metals and screws in just four weeks,” said Julio Guzman, robotics instructor from Bellflower Unified School District, who taught the workshops.

Participating students Justin Chiang and Anthony Thompson, neither of whom had ever built a robot before, were able to build a robot successfully during the camp.

“It felt great to accomplish something I have never done,” said Chiang, eighth-grader from Carmenita Middle School. Thompson, who is in ninth grade at Downey High added, “and we learned problem-solving skills.”

"The purpose of the summer camp is to provide middle school and high school students with enrichment activities that introduce them to careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)," said Maggie Cordero, director of Pathways Program. "This is the third year that we teach robotics to middle and high school students in summer."

The workshops were offered at no cost to participating students thanks to the Career Technical Education Pathways Initiative (SB70) Grant provided by the Economic and Workforce Development Department of the California Community College Chancellor's Office.

The Pathways Program received a grant from Southern California Edison that provides funding for a year-around robotics club for middle and high school students. The club is
expected to begin this fall. For more information about the program, contact Maggie Cordero at 562-860-2451 ext. 2487 or Carla Yorke at 562-860-2451 ext.2484.

**About Cerritos College Pathways Program:** Cerritos College’s Pathways Program aim to create career pathways for youth and adults and assist them in career development and furthering education.

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