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### Highlights:

- **Team 1013 officially starts prototyping and programming its robot.**
- **Success! The Phoenix gets approval from Student Council to advertise for the Arizona Regional Competition**
- **ASME Presentation—February 4**
- **Costa Vida fundraiser—February 8**
- **Pizza Hut fundraiser—February 9**
- **Rhino Caffe fundraiser—February 16**
- **Olive Mill fundraiser—ALL of February**
- **Robot Ship date—February 19**

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## Miscellaneous Details

The month of January has come and gone, and the Phoenix is hard at work now that the season has officially started. Amidst familiarizing with the rules and regs of Breakaway, designing and building robot mock-ups, and hosting fundraisers, Team 1013 is very busy. In addition to these major milestones, we are also showing our excitement for the season on a small scale. The team divided into groups to take care of tiny details, like

making a mascot costume and trinkets to pass out at competitions, which will make a big difference come competition day. Our mascot costume is almost complete; we are only waiting to get a few pieces. The mascot will wear gold mc hammer pants, a team shirt with feathers from the waist to the wrists (to simulate wings), a fiery cape, and a fuzzy orange hat. As for the trinkets, Holly, Kelley, Victoria, and Makayla are looking into making cus-

tomized stickers, ribbons, and bracelets to hand out. Holly is also in charge of the t-shirt designs for this year. For the practice day, we will have black shirts that have our team name on the front and wings on the back, and for the competition days, we will have colored shirts of a similar design.

## Lights, Camera, Victory!

Glory. Prestige. Honor. The Chairmen's Award offers it all, plus a ticket to the FRC National Competition in Atlanta, Georgia. This year, Team 1013, the Phoenix, is serious about winning Chairmen's Award. To achieve this endeavor, Team 1013 has taken to video taping its every action; the judges at competition will see the true essence of Team 1013.

AJ Mallo, 15, stood up to the challenge of capturing the flame of the Phoenix on film. "I just want to communicate this year's effort to the judges and, well, everyone" said the eager, young producer. It is AJ's job to condense hours of film spanning over six weeks into one, five minute video. This video must effectively explain to the judging panel the values, efforts, team work, and

overall atmosphere of Queen Creek High School's robotics team.

So far, AJ reports the proceedings of the film as going "pretty well." He hopes to have a few shots up on Youtube within the next couple days to show the world what the Phoenix is up to.



