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SKNRA Hosts Historic Induction and Awards Ceremony with Over 200 New Members Inducted

Basseterre, St. Kitts – December 13, 2024 – The **St. Kitts and Nevis Robotics Association (SKNRA)** hosted its largest-ever **Induction and Awards Ceremony** on **December 11, 2024**, welcoming over **400 attendees** and inducting more than **200 new members** into the SKNRA family.

The event, held under the theme *“Together, We Innovate, Inspire, and Create a Brighter Future,”* was a resounding success, celebrating the association’s dedication to advancing STEM education and robotics in St. Kitts and Nevis while recognizing the achievements of outstanding members and partners.

Key Highlights

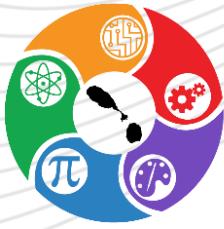
- **Over 200 New Inductees:** The ceremony marked the induction of more than 200 applicants, representing the largest cohort of new members in SKNRA’s history. These inductees are now poised to lead the way in promoting robotics and STEM education across the nation.
- **Awards and Recognition:** Several members were honored for their exceptional contributions to SKNRA’s mission, highlighting their dedication, creativity, and impact on the community.



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- **Inspiring Keynote Address:** Delivered by **Dr. Ricardo Neil**, Chairman and Founder of SKNRA, the keynote speech emphasized the importance of innovation and unity in shaping the future of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Dr. Neil remarked, *“Tonight, we celebrate not only the achievements of the past but the limitless potential of the future. With over 200 new members joining our mission, the journey ahead is bright, and the possibilities are endless.”*

A Year of Milestones

2024 was a groundbreaking year for SKNRA, with significant milestones achieved across the region:

- **STEAM Training in the British Virgin Islands (BVI):** Provided training for teachers in the BVI to enhance STEM education in schools.
- **Creating the BVI's First Robotics Summer Camp:** Successfully launched and managed the inaugural robotics summer camp in the BVI, engaging youth in hands-on STEM activities.
- **Selecting BVI's FIRST Global Robotics Team:** Facilitated the selection of the team to represent the BVI at the **FIRST Global Robotics Olympics**, ensuring their readiness for international competition.
- **Expanding Robotics to the Dutch Caribbean:** Trained students at the **Gwendoline van Putten (GVP) School** in St. Eustatius in robotics, establishing their very first robotics club.



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- **Signing an MOU with GVP School:** Formalized a partnership to further advance robotics education and club development in St. Eustatius.

These achievements reflect SKNRA's unwavering commitment to empowering youth and fostering STEM innovation, not just locally but throughout the region.

A Partnership-Driven Success

The event's success was made possible through the support of the **OECS Robotics Association**, whose collaboration continues to strengthen SKNRA's impact. Special recognition was also given to **Republic Bank**, a key sponsor whose commitment to youth empowerment and STEM education has fueled SKNRA's growth.

Looking to the Future

With a growing network of passionate members and strategic partnerships, SKNRA is poised to expand its programs and initiatives, reaching even more young minds across the region.

Dr. Neil concluded the evening with a powerful message:

"Together, we will continue to innovate, inspire, and build a brighter future for St. Kitts and Nevis and beyond."

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The **St. Kitts and Nevis Robotics Association** is a non-profit organization committed to empowering youth through STEM education and robotics. Through its programs and initiatives, SKNRA inspires the next generation of innovators and leaders, fostering a culture of excellence and collaboration.

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