## national convention

"Jack [Rosato '25] and I went to St. Louis, Missouri for a National Journalism Convention. It was really educational and fun. The sessions we went to were really interesting, but the best part was definitely playing Dutch Blitz and going to dinner with everybody. It was also really cool because I got to compete in a national writing competition and placed first. I didn't think I'd win, but I took a risk and wrote in a way that's not typical for journalists. It was extremely rewarding and I can't wait to go on another convention trip in the

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spring."

"I had a lot of fun in St. Louis, Missouri. I liked how we got to do fun activities like touring the Gateway Arch, and go to cool restaurants. I also liked how we got to learn new stuff about journalism that I never knew before."

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DECA STUDENT TALKS ABOUT HOW SHE



"There was a DECA plus website and I looked at it and there were quizzes that you could fill out. We did these roleplays in class. I looked up videos on how to do good at DECA," Chloe Rudiak '25 said.



"We got our rubrics back and we revised them and discussed what we could do better," Rudiak said. ALSO PICTURED MR. MICHAEL STRAIGHT, ABIGAIL DOUNG, HANNAH PAYNE, DORIANE HOUGNON, MAAYAN HEFFER, JULIANA BEANS, GABRIEL RATHBUN



PURSUING PROGRAMMING: Kade Bracken '23 works on his robot during class. The class brought a profound interest in engineering. "I'm going to college for mechanical engineering so I find interest in it," Bracken said. CHALLENGING THE CHALLENGER: Xavier Graves '25 tries a new approach to his robot. Graves found school easy but engineering was an exception. "It's challenging for me, which sometimes is hard to find in school," Graves said. CODING DIRECTIONS: Alexci Christine '25 uses her class time to work on her engineering project. Christine had to code the car to make it's way into a square. "I was trying to get it to go forward and then to the right, and then spin in 180 degrees, and then go backwards, and then straight so that it would end in a specific square," Christine said.



NHS GATHERS SUPPLIES FOR HOMELESS KITS



gracie said
"I decided to join NHS because I

who will motivate me to stay equally

driven," Gracie Garcia '23 said.

carson said "It was really cool to create the bags wanted to surround myself with people and it was even better to make them who are as academically driven as I am, with friends. It's nice to help the

Lindstrom '24 said.

community when you can," Carson

maya said "NHS is a group of like minded people who strive to make moves to their future and better themselves," Maya Nelms '23 said.



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Christine '25 read through their code on Nov.

ass. Students had to make sure their code was

## STUDENTS CODE ROBOTS TO NAVIGATE A MAZE

In engineering, students are able to get handson learning to be able to experience what it's like to engineer and program. Items like robots are able to be programmed to follow a path.

Kade Bracken '23 explored engineering with intentions of pursuing engineering later in life.

"I find that engineering opens my creative mind and I try new things and I like building things," Bracken said.

Engineering class also serves as a way for students to discover new interests through their different assignments. Alexci Christine '25 joined this class because she found it to be interesting, and it was something new.

"I do engineering because I thought it was a

new way to see the world because you can see how different things work and I thought it would be super interesting," Christine said.

Engineering can be a difficult class because it poses challenging tasks for students to problem solve and complete. Xavier Graves '25 challenged himself and his thinking when he started

"I think I really enjoy problem solving and I think engineering is a good outlet," Graves said. "I just love working with my friends and it's something I enjoy doing."

Ultimately, engineering gives students an opportunity to explore technology for a career and to grow academically.

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