

## **Haitian immigrant-filled robotics team earns contest berth with winning robot**

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Building robots at school wasn't something Margely Saint-Pierre could have ever imagined back home in Haiti, even before his high school was destroyed in last year's devastating earthquake.

But at the It Takes a Village Academy in East Flatbush, he's a member of a robotics team that's made up almost entirely of Haitian immigrants like him and it feels like a family.

The students just won the chance to enter their robot in a prestigious competition in St. Louis, but they need to raise money to pay for the trip.

"It's like a dream come true," said Margely, 17, who saw 10 friends die in the aftermath of last year's earthquake before his parents sent him to stay with his uncle, a police officer who lives in Canarsie.