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Accolades

BISV FIRST HIGH SCHOOL IN THE WORLD TO PARTNER WITH THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS!

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) announced its partnership with BASIS Independent Silicon Valley—the first such partnership with a high-school in the United States. This partnership comes after a year-long effort by [Dr. Amin Ghafooripoor](#), Engineering faculty at BASIS Independent Silicon Valley.

“We’re extremely proud of this partnership with AIAA,” said Toby Walker, head of school, “This will give our students exclusive access to learning opportunities that no other high school in the world has and help them get a head-start in their future careers.”

BASIS Independent students will now benefit from access to the AIAA professional network in the aerospace field, as well as opportunities to participate in AIAA sponsored competitions, grants, and teaching opportunities at local elementary schools. AIAA is the world's largest technical society dedicated to the global aerospace profession with more than 30,000 individual members from 88 countries, and 95 corporate members.

“We are very grateful to Dr. Ghafooripour for presenting this idea to us,” said Nicholas Rotunda, AIAA representative at The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. “BASIS Independent Silicon Valley will be the first school in the world to be officially associated with AIAA.”

Mr. Rotunda said that the partnership will evolve over time and that other schools in the global BASIS.ed network could benefit as well.

2017 CALIFORNIA STATE VEX-IQ MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS!

Please give our Robotics Team a huge congratulations! Dr. Ghafooripour and his team of students spent countless hours preparing for the 2017 California State VEX IQ Middle School Championship. Their hard work paid off and the BASIS Independent Silicon Valley VEX Robotics Team received the STEM Research Project Award (VIQC). This amazing win qualifies our bobcat for the 2017 VEX Worlds - VEX IQ Challenge Middle School Division.

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