

## **News Release**

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## Skyline National Bank Makes Donation to Yadkin County Schools Robotics Program

January 27, 2020 | Independence, VA – Skyline National Bank is pleased to announce a \$5,000 donation to The Yadkin Bots, Yadkin County Schools Robotics Program.

Open to any student in grades 4-12 with interest in advancing their knowledge base in science and math, The Yadkin Bots program offers a unique opportunity to engage in an activity that incorporates all components of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education. Currently, there are fourteen robotics teams in Yadkin County Schools, with all eight elementary schools and two of the middles schools each having a team. Additionally, the Forbush High School and Starmount High School have one team each team, and The Yadkin Early College High School currently fielding two teams.

"We are proud to support a program that plays such an integral role in STEM education. We especially value the relationship that Yadkin County Schools has with Surry Community College in an effort provide students with the skills that are necessary in today's workforce and keep local industries, like the one's in Yadkin County, thriving." said Blake Edwards, President and CEO of Skyline National Bank. The donation will help offset costs that The Yadkin Bots program incurs.

In an effort to encourage more students to enroll in STEM courses and follow those into career pathways, a partnership between Yadkin County Schools and Surry Community College was formed. It is the desired outcome for both institutions for students to enter the workforce in one of several industries located with Yadkin County that use robotics.

For more information regarding The Yadkin Bots program, please visit YadkinBots.com.

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