Want to start your own chapter of Unified Robotics? Learn how to start one today to make STEAM accessible for students with educational disabilities. There are no registration fees and no prior experience is required. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you establish a local chapter:

## 1. Understand the Organization:

 Familiarize yourself with Unified's mission, program, and resources by exploring the <u>official website</u>.

#### 2. Contact Eagle Robotics' Unified chapter for Guidance:

- Reach out to the Eagle Robotics Unified chapter to express your interest in starting a chapter. We would love to set up a meeting to provide specific guidelines, support materials, and answer any questions you might have!
- o Email: team5417@gmail.com
- o Instagram: <a>@eagle.robotics</a>

#### 3. Assemble a Leadership Team:

- Gather a group of dedicated individuals who share your passion for robotics education, specifically geared toward students with intellectual disabilities.
- o Define roles and responsibilities to ensure effective management of the chapter.

# 4. Secure Resources, Help, and Funding

- Reach out to local leaders and mentors who work with students with intellectual disabilities and gauge interest in the program.
- Utilize the resources provided by the Unified organization in addition to acquiring your own (like the LEGO® kits) to structure your programs. Local organizations can help with sponsorships to cover the costs of the kits.

## **5. Plan Your Programs**

- Decide with your mentors/community leaders the logistics of how you'll host meetings.
- Utilize the online resources provided by Unified Robotics to better structure the programs and provide a better experience for the athletes and partners.

# **6. Promote Your Chapter:**

 In collaboration with your mentors/community leaders, create awareness through social media, local schools, community centers, and other platforms to attract athletes, partners/volunteers, and anyone else interested in helping out.

#### 7. Host Your First Event:

 Organize an event to launch your chapter and engage with interested participants.



#### 8. Learn and Grow:

- After each practice, reflect on what's gone well and what can be improved, any make sure to continue communication with partners to ensure that guidance is always constructive and beneficial
- Expand your programs based on community interest and available resources.

By following these steps, you can successfully establish a Unified chapter that spreads robotics and STEAM in your community. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or if you would like to exchange experiences, and thank you for your efforts to impact the world through robotics!