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Twelve students from Eden, Newfane and Sweet Home high schools are participating in a Machining and Fabrication course at Erie Community College thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the Precision Metal Forming Association.

This three-credit course is offered through ECC's Industrial Technology program.

The course is taught by ECC instructor Nathan Witkowski as well as three high school teachers; Steven Jones from Eden High School, Henri Kursten from Newfane High School and Edward Hayes from Sweet Home High School.

The students in the course are building parts to be used in remote control robots, or "battlebots," in Tech Wars, a competition between technology students at area high schools.

The idea is to get students interested in technology, Witkowski said. And so far, the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

Though the grant was for one semester, Witkowski hopes that the program will continue so additional students will be able to take advantage of this opportunity.

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