WHAT: Special Olympics Unified Robotics is a first-of-its-kind program that brings the sport of robotics to high school students with and without disabilities, uniting students of diverse abilities as teammates and competitors on the field of play. Athletes and Partners work 1:1 designing, building, and programming robots with LEGO® MINDSTORMS® kits for a unique game challenge. Each participating school will have one, or multiple, robots competing in the Championship Tournament at the end of a six-week build season.

BACKGROUND: Developed in 2015 by King's High School student, Delaney Foster, when she brought her *FIRST®* Robotics teammates to Roosevelt High School to work alongside students with special needs to build robots. Delaney's sister, Kendall Foster, has autism, and Delaney has been a life-long advocate of inclusive education and was inspired by Special Olympics Unified Sports. After the successful pilot season, Foster partnered with Special Olympics Washington to bring Unified Robotics to all high schools. 2017 is the second season of Unified Robotics as a multi-school Special Olympics Unified Sport and will provide a sustainable and scalable model for other regions to follow.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS: A strategy to activate youth, engage educators, and promote school communities of acceptance and inclusion where all young people are agents of change.

CREATING THE NORM: Unified Robotics exposes students and educators to the unique talents and abilities of students with special needs. Young people experience working alongside individuals of all abilities and can participate in the movement toward neuro-diverse hiring policies, workplace accommodation and adaption.

2017 SEASON: September 19, 2017 – November 12, 2017

SEASON FINALE: The season will culminate in a Championship between all participating schools in Washington State on Sunday, November 12 at the Pacific Science Center. This special event is made possible from generous support of Pacific Science Center.