IEEE USF ROBOTICS ROSTER

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Info: Has an A.S. degree in Computer Science from SUNY OCC. Currently in his last year of Electrical Engineering Undergraduate work and will be starting Graduate studies in EE Fall of 2009. He has been employed by Goodrich Lighting Systems as an Engineering intern since October of 2007. Has always had an interest in computers and electronics. Robotics is the ultimate marriage of the two in addition to the mechanical aspects of design so a project such as this is a logical choice with his background in programming.

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Eric Davidson – Engineer, IEEE Correspondence
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Info: Graduated from St. Petersburg College with an AA with Honors and an AA in Biology and Geology from University of Rabat. She also attended the University of Pushkin in Russia for agriculture engineering. She is involved with many organizations such as IEEE and Society of Women Engineers. She is expected to graduate Summer 09. She considered herself as a problem solver. She has a drive for learning new techniques. Therefore, when she heard about the robotics team, she was exited to take on the challenge.

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Info: Graduated from Miami-Dade College with an AA with Highest Honor. He is part of different organizations such as IEEE, SHPE, Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society, and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Currently he works as a tutor for the USF Honors College. He is expecting to graduate in spring of 2009. He has had a passion for Engineering from an early age. For him, engineering is working together with people to learn and understand how the world functions and create solutions.

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