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'Here, robot, here, boy'

Zach Bevis, 12, a student in Hillsborough Community College's summer Lego Robot Camp, watches a robot attempting to navigate an obstacle course Friday at HCC's Brandon campus. Students in the weeklong course learned how to program robots to respond to commands such as hand clapping. If a student's robots veered off the obstacle courses in competition or hit the water bottles lined up at corners, they were penalized by a points deduction. The camps introduced students to robotics and automation to explore applications in industrial and personal uses. The program is offered by the college's Florida Advanced Technological Education Center, with funding from the National Science Foundation.