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Winners Announced for 2018 Robotics Challenge



SYRACUSE, NY (Jan. 20, 2018) - A total of 25 teams turned out Saturday for the fourth annual Central New York Regional VEX IQ Robotics Challenge, held at the Museum of Science & Technology (MOST).

The event is organized by the MOST and sponsored by SRC, Best Buy, The Dorothy and Marshall M. Reisman Foundation, Berkshire Bank, Lockheed Martin, Syracuse University, NASA, and the Technology Alliance of Central New York.

Winners of the 2018 Robotics Challenge include:

The **Teamwork Champion Award**, presented to each of the two teams on the highest-scoring alliance in the Teamwork Challenge finals, went to **FrostByte** of Freezing Code Robotics Club from Oswego, NY, and **Granville Horde-A**, from Granville Junior High School in Granville, NY.

The **Teamwork Second Place Award**, for the two teams on the second-highest scoring alliance in the Teamwork Challenge finals, was presented to **Granville Horde-C**, from Granville Junior High School in Granville, NY, and **Gator Robotics A**, from Grant Middle School in Syracuse, NY.

The **Excellence Award**, presented to a team that exemplifies overall excellence in creating a high-quality VEX IQ robot, was awarded to **FrostByte**, a team of the Freezing Code Robotics Club from Oswego, NY.

The **Design Award** recipient, honored for students' ability to implement the most effective and efficient robot design process, was presented to **South Onondaga Robotics (A)** of Syracuse, NY. Teams that submit detailed engineering notebooks are eligible for the Design Award.

The **STEM Research Project Award**, given to the team that makes the most effective STEM research project presentation, was won by **South Onondaga Robotics (B)** from Syracuse, NY.

The **Robot Skills Champion Award**, presented to the team with the highest combined Programming Skills Challenge and Driving Skills Challenge score, was awarded to **FrostByte**, a team of the Freezing Code Robotics Club from Oswego, NY.

The **Judges Award**, presented to a team the judges determine is deserving of special recognition, was presented to **South Onondaga Robotics (A)** from Syracuse, NY.

The **Amaze Award**, given to the team that builds an amazing, high-scoring robot and clearly demonstrates overall quality, was awarded to **Granville Horde-D**, from Granville Junior High School in Granville, NY.

The **Create Award**, presented to the team whose robot design incorporates a creative engineering solution to the design challenges of the season's game, was awarded to **Granville Horde-A**, from Granville Junior High School in Granville, NY.

The **Energy Award**, given to a team that displays a high level of enthusiasm and passion, was presented to **Knight Industries (1)**, from Lincoln Middle School in Syracuse, NY.

The **Sportsmanship Award**, presented to a team that has earned the respect and admiration of the volunteers and other teams, was won by **Robotic Brainiacs**, from Edward Smith K-8 in Syracuse, NY.

The **Volunteer of the Year Award**, given to an event volunteer who demonstrates a commitment and devotion to their community, honored **Andy Jordan of Lockheed Martin**.

EDITORS NOTE:

For high-res images of the event [click here](#). For more information about the competition, [see our website](#) or contact Drew Heagle via information provided at the top of this distribution.

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