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Arlington High School NeoBots robotics team competes in world championship

ARLINGTON- The Arlington High School NeoBots FIRST Robotics Team attended the FIRST Robotics Competition April 19-22 in Houston, TX and won the Hopper Subdivision. They were also one of 24 finalist teams competing and their four team alliance finished fourth in the finals. More than 400 teams competed in the championship.

The FIRST Robotics Competition combines sports excitement with the rigors of science and technology. Under strict rules, limited resources, and time limits, teams are challenged to fundraise, design a brand, exercise teamwork, and build and program robots to perform tasks against competitors. Fourteen students and six mentors made the trip to Houston.

“This was the NeoBots first trip to the world championship and it was a great honor just to make it to the finals,” said NeoBots mentor Mark Ehrhardt. “Regional robotics competition winners from over 37 countries were represented.”

For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) is an international robotics program for elementary through high school aged students. The NeoBots strive to spread Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education to members, students, and the community through the FIRST programs; to volunteer and teach the community about robotics and the tenets of FIRST; to spark interest in STEM in the younger generation of students through classes, presentations, and summer camps; and to prepare members to excel in college and their future.

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Arlington High School NeoBots mentor Mark Ehrhardt and treasurer Burch Walker show the awards the team earned during the FIRST Robotics Competition April 19-22 in Houston, TX.