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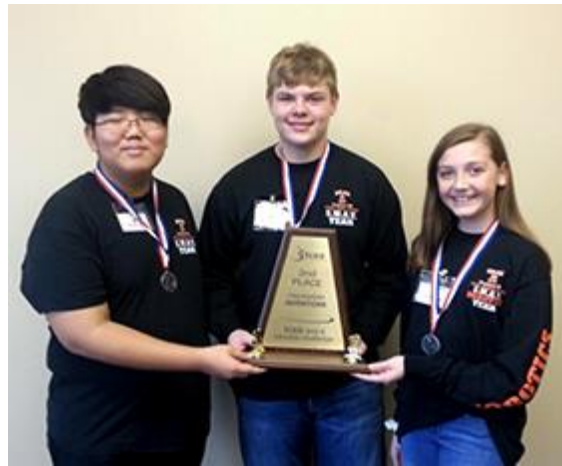
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**TEXAS MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAMS
EARN TOP PLACEMENT & STATE SELECTION AT TCEA COMPETITION**

Texarkana, TX – Two Texas Middle School SWAT (Students with Amazing Talents) Robotics Teams took top placements in the Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) Area 8 Intermediate Robotics Challenge on January 18 in Pittsburg, TX. A total of 103 teams from the area participated.



SWAT Team #7



SWAT Team #10

Second Place in Advanced Arena was awarded to the SWAT Team #7. Members include: Jared Chavez, Lauren Friday, Worth McMillen and Abby Sewell. Arena contest is a prescribed problem contest. Teams of two to four students receive a set of challenge rules and specifications designed around a challenge theme.

Second Place in Intermediate Inventions was SWAT Team #10. Members are: Mathew Delk, Daniel Song and Ryan Kate Walker. Inventions contest is an open-ended contest. Teams of two to four students create a robotic invention that solves a problem of their choice.

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Both teams have earned placement in the TCEA State Competition to be held in April 2019 in Austin, TX.

TCEA is dedicated to advancing teaching and learning through the use of technology. It has played a vital role in increasing technology funding and access for Pre-K-16 schools for 38 years and supports educators in the field who are enhancing curriculum with digital tools.

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PICTURE IDENTIFICATION

SWAT Robotics Team #7: Lauren Friday, Jared Chavez, Worth McMillen, Abby Sewell

SWAT Robotics Team #10: Daniel Song, Mathew Delk, Ryan Kate Walker