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TEXAS MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAMS
EARN FIRST & SECOND PLACE FOR INVENTIONS AT TCEA COMPETITION

Texarkana, TX – Texas Middle School SWAT (Students with Amazing Talents) Robotics Teams earned First & Second Place finishes during the Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) Region 8 Robotics Challenge on January 17, 2020 in Pittsburg, TX. A total of 90 teams from the area participated.



The Inventions competition allows students to use the engineering design process to create a product using robots that solve a world problem. Students must document the process in an engineering notebook, market it by creating various materials (websites, brochures, business cards, prototypes) and then present their sales pitch to a panel of judges.

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Earning First Place was the team of Truth Dukes, Lauren Friday, Diana Hernandez & Ryan Kate Walker. Second Place Team was Adam McCarter, Ean Sharp, Daniel Song & Brett Sparks.



Other Texas Middle School Robotics Teams competing were in the Intermediate and Advanced Arena. This competition has students address a prescribed problem and then program their robot to compete accordingly. Team finishes in Intermediate Arena were:

Worth McMillen, Aidyn White, Griffin White & Sanders Wiggins – 5th Place;
Lili LeFors and Lillie Orgeron – 7th Place;
Will Prewitt, Kason Orgeron & Gavin Smith – 24th Place.

For Advanced Arena, team placement finishes were:

Uriel Camacho, Christian Douglas & Jonathan Torres-Quick – 12th Place;
Jared Chavez, Duncan McGhee & Riley Roberts – 17th Place;
Coy Ward & Jadyn Weinstein – 26th Place.

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 (L-R)

First Row: Jared Chavez, Aidyn Morris, Hayden Phelps, Lillie Orgeron, Christian Douglas, Diana Hernandez, Griffin White, Coach Michele Whorton

Second Row: Coach Sandra McNeely, Kason Orgeron, Daniel Hawley, Riley Roberts, Will Prewitt, Jaden Rhone, Kelond Thompson

Third Row: Gavin Smith, Sanders Wiggins, Ean Sharp, Ryan Kate Walker, Jadyn Weinstein, Lili LeFors, Coach John Baugus

Back Row: Uriel Camacho, Duncan McGhee, Coy Ward, Daniel Song, Adam McCarter, Truth Dukes, Brett Sparks

Not Pictured: Lauren Friday, Worth McMillen, Johnathan Torres-Quick