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## The East Cobb Robotics Team reaches FIRST Robotics Championship event

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The East Cobb Robotics Team earned a trip to the FIRST Robotics World Championship. The team is comprised of members from Pope High School, Walton High School, Hightower Trail Middle School in Cobb County, home school students and Virtual Academy students.

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MARIETTA — The East Cobb Robotics Team culminated its successful season with participation in the FIRST Robotics Championship in St. Louis, Missouri. Following wins at the Dalton Regional event and the Peachtree District State Championship in Stegeman Coliseum at UGA, the team earned one of the top spots on the list of Georgia teams to participate at the World Event.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was started by inventor Dean Kamen in 1989 to inspire an appreciation of science and technology in young people.

In order to reach the State Championship, the team participated in two qualifying events, earning numerous awards. At the Dalton District Event, it earned the District Engineering Inspiration Award and the Industrial Safety Award sponsored by Underwriters Laboratories with the team placing as the District Event Winner through robot performance.

At the second event held at Kennesaw State University, the team earned the Industrial Design Award sponsored by General Motors. Winning the Engineering Inspiration Award in Dalton, as well as its state ranking, garnered the team a berth at the State Championship at UGA.

This event resulted in the team winning the Regional Engineering Inspiration Award as well as becoming a Regional Championship

Winner.

“What’s especially gratifying about these accomplishments is through hard work and diligence, the team earned a slot on the World stage in two separate ways this year,” said Lisa Hatch, team coach and mentor.

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