

2014 VEX Robotics World Championships 4/24/14 – 4/26/14

Team 569A – After 10 qualifying matches they were 8-2 and finished 11th out of 86 teams in their division. They moved on to the playoffs (only 24 teams do so) as the 8th seeded alliance captain. Unfortunately they had to play the #1 seeded alliance in the quarterfinals and were defeated. However they were not done. This team brought so much enthusiasm and energy to their division when they played that they were given the “Energy Award”. This is the first award we have won at a World Championship tournament (besides the championship trophy). Some of the pics above show our students cheering on their team complete with the Nighthawk Mascot suit (thanks Geniel).

Team 569B - After 10 qualifying matches they were 7-3 and finished 13th out of 86 teams in their division. Unfortunately they were not selected for the playoffs. This was the only disappointment of the entire tournament! This team had a great robot and played extremely well, but were unfortunately overlooked during the alliance selection process. In the pics above check out these students working on a strategy with a team from Malaysia, their robot flinging a weighted beach ball across the field, as well as high hanging with a large ball in their possession (a 20 point bonus).

Team 569C – After 10 qualifying matches they were 5-5 and finished in 36th out of 86 teams in their division. Unfortunately they were not selected for the playoffs. This team had a great robot but had some less than desirable alliance partners, including one team who was disqualified for cheating. They have absolutely nothing to hang their heads about and should be proud of all of their accomplishments throughout the year. In the pics above Team C can be seen working on their robot in the pits, being interviewed by the judges, and their robot scoring blue bucky balls in their goal.

A great article written about the World Championships and showcasing our MV students - <http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/murrieta/murrieta-headlines-index/20140425-schools-nighthawks-try-regain-title-at-robotics-competition.ece>

Surprise Gift – On Friday the entire club (parents included) surprised me with a framed picture of the entire club, a custom “Coach of the Year” trophy, and a generous gift card. I am very appreciative of everything the students and parents have done for me and the robotics program. Thank you!

Fun Facts –

There were only 23 teams out of the 430 from CA. We had 3 of those 23.

Out of the 15 division winning robots 4 were from CA.

The team that we lost to in the CA State Championship Finals went on to win the World Championship. They are from Champs Charter High School in Van Nuys, CA.

Please congratulate all of the students listed below on a job well done!

Until next year when we will be playing Skyrise - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJ-5H3JVtPs>











