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FIRST LASER Robotics team proceeds to World Championship



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Competing with several world-renowned powerhouse robotics programs in Texas, LASER 3284 finished ranked third after qualification rounds with a record of 9-2. The top 8 ranked teams get to select their alliance partners in a serpentine manner with the #1 alliance selecting first to form alliances of three teams to compete for the championship.

Analysis of the data collected by the scout team during qualification rounds proved critical to the LASER's selection of two quality alliance partners to assist them to capture the crown. Joining the LASER alliance was Royal Robotics 5842 from New Port Richey, FL and rookie team Flaming Metal Robotics team 6547 from Magnolia, TX.

This alliance cooperation and willingness to adjust strategy proved to be strong and the LASER alliance beat the #6 seed in quarters, #2 alliance in the semis, and the #1 alliance in the finals with a final match score of 380 - 237.

The LASER 3284 team also made strong impressions with the judges at the event earning two addition awards. The team was bestowed the Engineering Inspiration award. This award celebrates outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's school and community. The award provides the winning team a bid to the FIRST World Championships and a grant from NASA to cover the entry fee for the championships.

In addition, LASER 3284 also graciously accepted its ninth Underwriters Laboratory Industrial Safety Award.

While in Houston students toured the NASA Johnson Space Center.

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