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Eldon, Camdenton and Tuscumbia students earn awards at robotics event





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Eldon students are going to an international competition - in robotics - after taking home the Champion Award from a contest last weekend in Camdenton.

The Camdenton R-III FIRST LASER 3284 FRC and MS FTC teams hosted the Central Missouri Affiliates FIRST LEGO League Championship last weekend at Camdenton High School.

The day showcased 36 of the top teams from around the state that competed to earn the coveted bid to the championship in Houston, Texas in April.

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During the HYDRO DYNAMICSSM season, teams chose and solve a real-world problem in the Project. They will also build, test, and program an autonomous robot using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® technology to solve a set of missions in the Robot Game.

Throughout their experience, teams will operate under the FIRST LEGO League signature set of Core Values, celebrating discovery, teamwork, and Gracious Professionalism®. This year's challenge revolved around the way people find, transport, use or dispose of water.

Research Award – Buchanan Pirabots from Branson

The T-Town Lions of Tuscumbia earned an award for their presentation. — PHOTO PROVIDED

Innovative Solution - Harry Botter & the Prisoners of LEGOLand Springfield

Presentation –T-Town Lions from Tuscumbia

Mechanical Design – R-Cubed Rolla Regional Robotics from Rolla

Programming –Buzz Bots from Lacquey

Strategy & Innovation 4751 The Royal Flushers from Troy

Robot Performance Three Creeks Robotics Columbia

Inspiration Award – Marshall Robotics from Marshall

Teamwork – Techno Dragons #3 – From Herman

Gracious Professional Award – Three Creeks Robotics

In addition to youth awards Dr. Keith Nisbett of Rolla was named Central Missouri FLL Coach of the year for his years of service and dedication to inspire youth.

Kris Franken, Camdenton, was named Central Missouri Volunteer of the Year for his service and training of teams, referees and other staff. During the Hydrodynamics season Franken served as the head Central Missouri FLL Affiliate referee.

LASER 3284's Melissa Stout was named Young Youth Mentor of the year for the region for her mentorship of over 125 hours and helping to coach an FLL team.

For more information about how to get involved with FIRST robotics or how to start a team please contact Sherry Comer – Central MO FIRST Affiliate at 573-346-9233.