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Subject: ERHS State Robotics Results and Photos

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Here are photos in the google folder of the ERHS Robotics teams in action at this weekend's Alaska State Championship.

WOW, WHAT A WEEKEND FOR ERHS ROBOTICS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The three ERHS teams competed this weekend at the Alaska State First Tech Challenge Tournament held at UAA's Wells Fargo Sports Complex. The top 32 teams from around the state competed in the two-day event.

The ERHS teams played their best tournament of the year, this weekend.

The Phantom Wolves #9180 with team members. . .Ian Beck, Andre Gutierrez, Tyler Jennings, Isaac Jennings, Anya Jeppson, and Ashleigh Shyne finished the qualifying rounds with a 4-1 match record and a 6th place finish.

The Cyber Wolves #5664 with team members. . .Jakob LaMar, Carter Penaz, Aidan Sutherland and Greg Talotta finished qualifying rounds in 12th place, before moving into the elimination rounds where they advanced to the semi-finals. In addition, the Cyber Wolves won the Promote Award for their outstanding PSA video. They are the first team from ERHS to ever win this award. The Promote Award is given to the Team that is most successful in creating a compelling video message for the public designed to change our culture and celebrate science, technology, engineering and math. Teams must submit a one minute long public service announcement (PSA) video based on "What I would like the world to know about FIRST" . Additionally, the Cyber Wolves won the team Connect Award. This judged award is given to the Team that most connects with their local science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) community. A true FIRST Team is more than a sum of its parts, and recognizes that engaging their local STEM community plays an essential part in their success. The recipient of this award is recognized for helping the community understand FIRST, the FIRST Tech Challenge, and the Team itself. The Team that wins the Connect Award aggressively seeks and recruits engineers and explores the opportunities available in the world of engineering, science and technology. This Team has a clear Business or Strategic Plan and has identified steps to achieve their goals.

The Nuclear Wolves #9019 with team members. . .Isiah Bauzon, Gage Friesen, Alex Oleniczak, Ryan Sabroski, Keith Sellers, and Sebastian Tunley finished the qualifying rounds with a 4-1 record and in 5th place. They went on through the elimination rounds to capture the Alaska State Championship.

Additionally, the Nuclear Wolves won the Inspire Award(highest team award).

This judged award is given to the Team that embodied the 'challenge' of the FIRST Tech Challenge program. The Team that receives this award is a strong ambassador for FIRST programs and a role model FIRST Team. This Team is a top contender for many other judged awards and is a gracious competitor. The Inspire Award winner is an inspiration to other Teams, acting with Gracious ProfessionalismR both on and off the Playing Field. This Team shares their experiences, enthusiasm and knowledge with other Teams, sponsors, their community, and the Judges. Working as a unit, this Team will have showed success in performing the task of designing and building a Robot. This is the Nuclear Wolves second Alaska State Championship in the past three seasons. They will compete at the West US Super Regional Tournament in Spokane, Washington, March 8-11. The West US Super Regional Tournament hosts the top 72 teams from 13 western states.

Keith Sellers from the Nuclear Wolves was named an Alaska's FTC Dean List Finalist(only 3 students for the whole state). The Dean's List is an "All-Star Team" for upcoming and outstanding 10th and 11th graders in First Tech Challenge. The students are nominated, there's a questionnaire/survey that I complete for the nominee and then they go through a face to face interview with a panel of judges. This year, 11 Alaska students were recognized this weekend as State Semi-Finalists. ERHS had 4 of the 11. .

.Jakob LaMar, Tyler Jennings, Andre Gutierrez, and Keith Sellers. From the 11, the top 3 were chosen as finalists and Keith was chosen. He has now been invited to the National Dean's List Award Luncheon at the World Championships in Houston later this spring and won a round trip ticket on Alaska Airlines to cover his travel expenses.

Thank you to everyone for all their support throughout this past robotics season. The teams and I greatly appreciate it.

All is well,

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