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Early November proves successful for Hartland Robotics as both FTC teams and one FLL team get bids for the state championships in December

The FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics tournaments kicked off on November 4th for the FLL (4th – 6th grade) and FTC (7th and 8th grade) levels. Hartland students have been busy designing and building robots for the competitions since late August.

On November 4th the FTC 5290 Steel Eagles traveled to Bedford Schools in Temperance and brought home the top honor, the Inspire Award. This award is given to the team that has performed well in all categories including Controls, Design, Innovation, community outreach, motivation and documentation of their process in the engineering notebook. In addition the team's robot must perform well in the competition. This award comes with an automatic bid to the State Championship.

Also on November 4th, the EagleBots, one of four Hartland FLL teams, traveled to Oxford, MI, and earned the Robot Performance Award for achieving the highest robot score of the day! Additionally, they were awarded the Robot Design Award for their outstanding robot mechanical design, programming principles, strategy, and innovation! To top it off, they secured one of only two invitations to advance to the State Championship.

On November 11th both FTC teams, 5290 Steel Eagles and 5957 Sonic Eagles, traveled to Kearsley Schools in Flint and brought home the three highest honors. 5957 won the top honor, the Inspire Award, and 5290 won the Think Award, second only to the Inspire Award. In addition both teams performed well in the qualification round and teamed up with the Troy PixelBots to win the Robot Performance Championship.

To round out the month of November Hartland Robotics will host its first FLL tournament on November 18th at Farms Intermediate School. The Hartland Foxes FLL team will participate in the South Lyon Flying Toasters' Crumble Rumble on the same date. December 2nd, 5290 will travel to Houghton and 5957 to Allendale for tournaments and both will be at the FTC State Championship in Battle Creek on December 15th and 16th. Two Hartland FLL teams, The Regal Eagles and the Hydro Bots, will have their qualifying tournaments in Freeland on December 2, and the EagleBots will participate in the FLL State Championship in December, date and location TBD.

Hartland Robotics would also like to give a shout out to our other Livingston County Teams that have been awarded bids to the state tournament, the Howell Kilts and Kaos as well as the Charyl Stockwell Miners. We look forward to seeing you in Battle Creek in December.



Hartland Robotics FTC Teams at the Flint Kearsley Qualification Tournament



Hartland Robotics FLL EagleBots at the Oxford Qualification Tournament