

The FIRST Lego Robotics team from Oakwood Intermediate School competed November 19 at the Grandville Regional tournament. While the team did not place among 12 teams advancing to the state final this year, the Oakwood D.R.O.I.D. team earned the second place trophy for Teamwork at the competition.

Allendale School District Robotics teams have competed in two regional tournaments this year. The Middle School Chocolate Lego Bus team competed against a field of 14 in Zeeland one week ago, and D.R.O.I.D. competed against a field of 42 teams today in Grandville.

Teamwork is a central tenant of the FIRST Robotics program for it is only through teamwork that excellence in project research, technical acumen, and gracious professionalism can be attained. The proficiency displayed by D.R.O.I.D. in winning the second-place trophy among 40 competitors is remarkable, providing solid evidence of the ability of this team and the vision of their coach, Chad Potinsky.

As well, all of Allendale has reason to be proud, the team winning the number one berth at the competition was The Force, a third Allendale team, comprised of home-schooled students who did an outstanding job at today's tournament.

Please take note of these extraordinary students and their coach - job very well done.