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On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the Oregon Robotics Tournament & Outreach Program, we want to thank everyone who has made this season such a success. The organization continues to thrive, as we bring the excitement of *FIRST* to the young people of Oregon. This year had some fantastic highlights, including a *FIRST* Tech Challenge World Champion team, the Mechanical Maniacs of Sutherlin. Since their inception as a *FIRST* LEGO League team, Team #7550 has helped grow *FIRST* in Southern Oregon, and is an example of how strong the Southern Oregon Area Robotics League (SOAR) has become.

This past Fiscal Year is also the first time ORTOP has been the grant administrator for the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) *FIRST* Robotics grant. While the program has been in place since 2011, it was managed internally by ODE until this biennium. We're proud of this vote of confidence from ODE, and grateful for all the support from the *FIRST* community in ensuring the program continued. We will need your help again this season as we look for renewal in the coming budget cycle. Be sure to invite your legislators to team meetings and competitions!

In the Fall of 2017, ORTOP Board and staff worked to develop a new strategic plan for the organization. Looking out to 2020, the plan calls for focusing efforts in three key areas: Volunteers, Partnerships, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. In addition, the plan calls for investments in infrastructure to support growth and maintain the quality of the programs we operate.

As always, ORTOP would not exist without our dedicated volunteers and sponsors.

Thank you for another great season. We hope this report will make you as proud of the past year as it does us. Enjoy!



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Our mission is to open doors to the worlds of science, technology, engineering and mathematics for Oregon's youth by providing educational opportunities featuring robotics with a special emphasis on maximizing the diversity of those participating.

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