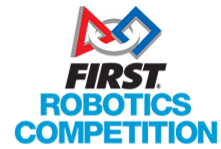




Oregon Robotics Tournament & Outreach Program



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INTEL OREGON FIRST® LEGO® LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ANNOUNCES WINNERS.

Hillsboro, Oregon. (January 19th & 20th 2019) Oregon Robotics Tournament & Outreach Program (ORTOP) is pleased to announce the awards received by teams at the sixteenth annual **Intel® Oregon FIRST® LEGO League Championship Tournaments, presented by Collins Aerospace**, held on January 19 and 20th, 2019 at Liberty High School in Hillsboro. This event brought together 120 teams from across the state and region who qualified in the *FIRST* LEGO League (FLL) pre-engineering program, which helps 4th-8th grade level students explore technical fields and careers at an early age. Thousands of students in more than 420 teams participated in qualifying tournaments in the region in 2019. The top 25% competed at this weekend’s championships.

“The success of the next generation of innovators will depend on a strong foundation in science, technology, engineering and math coupled with skills such as critical thinking and collaboration. By participating in the Oregon Robotics Tournament and Outreach Program, students have the opportunity to grow and develop these skills while having fun,” said Courtney Martin, Public Affairs Director at Intel. “Intel has been a proud supporter of the Intel Oregon FIRST LEGO League Championship Tournaments since the inception of the program.”

With the help of its sponsors and their employees, ORTOP has offered *FIRST* LEGO League for the last 17 years. Each team of 9-14 year olds constructed and programmed their LEGO robot to compete on various robot missions, presented research on this year’s theme, and demonstrated their work to three panels of judges. The theme for this season was **“INTO ORBIT”**. Each team developed a presentation to judges describing what they learned, and what they recommend to improve.

First place for the Intel Oregon Champion’s Award, the most prestigious award of the competition, on Saturday, went to two co-champions: Kidobots from Portland won on Sunday; and SYZYG, a Springfield team won on Saturday. This award goes to the teams who are strongest in three presentation categories: robot design, the research project, and core values. Both teams have the opportunity to attend the *FIRST* LEGO League World Festival held in Houston, Texas in April. In addition to top champion awards, teams received many impressive category awards made possible by Oregon sponsors. See below, for a list of the awards & 2019 awardees.

David Perry, ORTOP’s Executive Director, shared appreciation, stating “We thank our title sponsor, Intel, and all our corporate and community partners that support these teams and the thousands of coaches and volunteers who help students discover their interests in technology. We congratulate team members and coaches for the many hours preparing for and participating in this weekend’s tournaments.”

ORTOP thanks its generous sponsors for this event, including Intel, the title sponsor; Collins Aerospace, the presenting sponsor; The Bill Healy Foundation, BPA, Cisco, The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation, the East Metro STEAM Partnership, FEI, Garmin, Google Data Center, IBM, The Juan Young Trust, Maxim Integrated, The Oregon Department of Education, The Oregon International Airshow, Pacific Office Automation, The SOAR fund donors, Tektronix, Umpqua Bank, Vernier Software and Technology, The Wildhorse Foundation; as well as all its supporting community sponsors and volunteers. Thanks to the generosity of these sponsors, many of this year's teams received a financial support to help them get started or to continue their participation.

FIRST LEGO League® is a science, technology, engineering, and math program for a team of 3 to 10 members in 4th-8th grades. The competitive season begins in late August when the new scientific theme is revealed. Students showcase their work at Oregon qualifying tournament competitions in December, followed by two championship tournaments in January. FIRST LEGO League challenges teams to solve a real-world problem with their own innovative solution and to design, build, and program a LEGO robot to manipulate LEGO models based on real world challenges. Team members do all of the work guided by their adult coaches and mentors, while using FIRST Core Values. The 2018-2019 challenge is INTO ORBIT.

Event team and action photos are available upon request.

For more information on the program go to www.ortop.org/fl.

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Award List for Sunday, January 20, 2019 and Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2019:

SUN 1/20/19

Award	Level	Tm_#	Tm_name	Team_city
Champion's	1st	23221	Kidobots	Portland
Champion's	2nd	20372	Guardians of the LEGO Galaxy	Hood River
Champion's	3rd	26425	Mechanical Stars	Portland
Robot Design, Mechanical Design	1st	35073	Wizards of Astronomical Explosions	Portland
Robot Design, Mechanical Design	2nd	17388	Techno Tacos	Salem
Robot Design, Programming	1st	15494	Lifters of Earth	Portland
Robot Design, Programming	2nd	32769	The Robots	Portland
Robot Design, Strategy & Innovation	1st	25099	Robotic Animals Go To Space	Portland
Robot Design, Strategy & Innovation	2nd	38128	Creative Capsicums	Wilsonville
Project, Research	1st	42410	Liquid Water On Mars	Hillsboro
Project, Research	2nd	9756	Space Llamas	Hood River

Project, Innovative Solution	1st	27643	LEGO Legends	Portland
Project, Innovative Solution	2nd	26866	Gator Girls	Sherwood
Project, Presentation	1st	6580	The LEGO Ladies	Portland
Project, Presentation	2nd	7697	Gear Girls	Portland
Core Values, Inspiration	1st	27006	Fin-tastic Fish	Albany
Core Values, Inspiration	2nd	12515	SPACED OUT	Hood River
Core Values, Teamwork	1st	41687	Tech Minds	Portland
Core Values, Teamwork	2nd	1515	L.A.S.A.	Salem
Core Values, Gracious Professionalism	1st	42289	Rocketing Robots	Hillsboro
Core Values, Gracious Professionalism	2nd	23276	Space Lambs	Keizer
Robot Performance	1st	15494	Lifters of Earth	Portland
Robot Performance	2nd	32769	The Robots	Portland
Robot Performance	3rd	20372	Guardians of the LEGO Galaxy	Hood River
Young Team		40401	Awesome Pawsome	Portland
Rookie Team		4148	Omega Delta	Portland
Global Innovation		20372	Guardians of the LEGO Galaxy	Hood River
Global Innovation-wildcard		6580	The LEGO Ladies	Portland

Sat, 1/19/19

Award	Level	Tm_#	Tm_name	Team_city
Champion's	1st	23767	SYZYG	Springfield
Champion's	2nd	23765	Unidentified Flying Cats	Springfield
Champion's	3rd	11687	Pisces of LEGOs	Hood River
Robot Design, Mechanical Design	1st	30966	Brobdingnagian Builders	Tigard
Robot Design, Mechanical Design	2nd	11688	Space Monkeys	Hood River
Robot Design, Programming	1st	38016	Soaring Robotics	Beaverton
Robot Design, Programming	2nd	23766	LEGO Propulsion Laboratory	Springfield
Robot Design, Strategy & Innovation	1st	20540	Orbiters	Portland
Robot Design, Strategy & Innovation	2nd	19023	Solar Sailors	Mount Shasta
Project, Research	1st	30857	Master Builders	Portland
Project, Research	2nd	16188	Archers	Lake Oswego

Project, Innovative Solution	1st	30787	Robo Dragons	Portland
Project, Innovative Solution	2nd	41025	Coders of the Milky Way	Corvallis
Project, Presentation	1st	28895	Space Junk	Beaverton
Project, Presentation	2nd	34286	U.F. Whoas	Vancouver
Core Values, Inspiration	1st	38252	Diamond Dragons	Portland
Core Values, Inspiration	2nd	17012	Marvelous Martians	Hillsboro
Core Values, Teamwork	1st	2242	DR.RN	Woodland
Core Values, Teamwork	2nd	18015	The Official Space Chickens (The OSC)	Keizer
Core Values, Gracious Professionalism	1st	3163	TMI (Technical Magic Iguanas)	Merlin
Core Values, Gracious Professionalism	2nd	11725	Rocket Nebula Bunnies	Medford
Robot Performance	1st	20540	Orbiters	Portland
Robot Performance	2nd	38016	Soaring Robotics	Beaverton
Robot Performance	3rd	23765	Unidentified Flying Cats	Springfield
Young Team		38881	LEGOSTARS	Portland
Rookie Team		37946	SALT Robotics	Portland
Global Innovation		30787	Robo Dragons	Portland
Global Innovation-wildcard		41025	Coders of the Milky Way	Corvallis