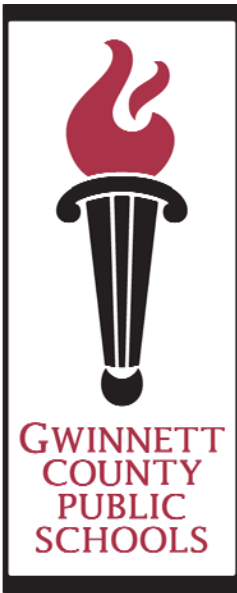


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North Gwinnett High robotics students look back at a school year of innovation, and creativity

After competing against 1,500 teams from around the United States, and seven other nations (Brazil, Canada, Chile, Israel, Mexico, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom) North Gwinnett High's Robotics Team had a 2007-08 school year team members won't soon forget. The team of 18 students wrapped up the school year performing at the highest level in regional and national events of the U.S. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science Technology) Robotics Competitions this year, where the students' hard work earned them two additional awards. After earning top spots in both the regional and national competitions this spring, the North Gwinnett High team also was recognized for its innovative and creative work.

During the team's participation at the national championships held in the Georgia Dome in mid-April, it was the highest finishing team in the State. In addition, the team received the national "Xerox Creativity Award" from the Xerox Corporation. This award recognizes one team in the world for the most creative thinking and design of an effective solution to the challenge. The award was presented to the North Gwinnett High students by the President of Xerox, and the Founders of the FIRST Robotics competition.

Before the students earned the opportunity to compete in the national championship in Atlanta, the students also participated earlier this spring in the regional event at the Gwinnett Civic Center, finishing second highest of any team from Georgia. During that competition, they were selected to receive the "Delphi Corporation Innovation in Technology Award" for the most innovative technological approach to the contest.

The FIRST Robotics Championship is an innovative program that motivates students to pursue opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math, while building life skills. Teams earned their invitation to the championships by excelling in competitive play, exhibiting sportsmanship, and developing partnerships among schools, businesses, and communities.

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The North Gwinnett High Robotics Team members are; Jeffrey Angell, Kyle Buice, Twesh Deshetty, Joe Evans, Dorian Henao, Michelle Kim, Pentti Kimari, Shani Letoha, Zohaib Maya, Sheena Patel, Casey Price, Austin Shenk, Ryan Shenk, Michael Spencer, Logan Stubbs, Luke Stubbs, Christopher Wilson, and Gene Ziller. The North Gwinnett High Robotics team is coached by teacher Michael Reilly.