

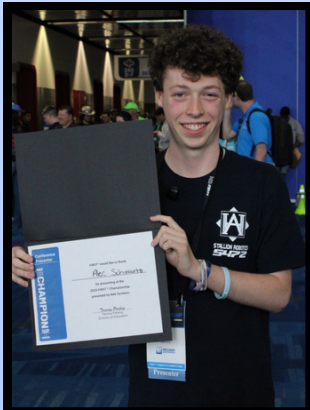
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WYLD STALLYNS

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TRIP

As a result of this season's new Regional Championship Qualification Points system, The Wyld Stallyns were able to make the qualification cut after their week 6 event at the South Florida Regional. Their total of 86 qualification points, thanks to their outstanding competition performance throughout the season, was just enough to punch their ticket to Houston. The team landed in Houston on Tuesday, April 15th to prepare for practice matches, which happened the next day. The practice matches were largely successful, and mostly focused on sensor calibration, testing of new code, and mechanical check practice for the rest of the competition. Students who were not on the drive team were able to explore the amazing innovation fair and company exhibitions that were hosted by FIRST sponsors and prestigious universities on the second level of the convention center. This is always an exceptional part of Worlds. When the actual matches started on Thursday, the Stallyns came out of the gates hot. They won all of their first four matches and earned 21 ranking points out of 24 possible. Other teams were taking note and there was hope that the Stallyns could become an alliance captain and have a shot at winning the entire Newton Division. However, unfortunately, the Stallyns struggled throughout the rest of the competition due to a series of mechanical and programming failures. Despite the students' best efforts, the wear and tear of four competitions severely hurt the robot's mechanism. The Stallyns lost five of their last six matches, ending with a record of 5-5 and the 39th rank out of 75. The team was not picked for the playoffs but got to watch and experience the excitement of other teams. Although the ending was disappointing, the team maintained a positive outlook and is even more motivated to succeed next season.



STEMCOMM AT WORLDS!

Because of their success with STEMComm workshops at Tallahassee and Orlando, The Stallyns secured a position to present a workshop at Worlds. This was a golden opportunity to expand the program and showcase their efforts. 170 people came to attend the interactive experience!

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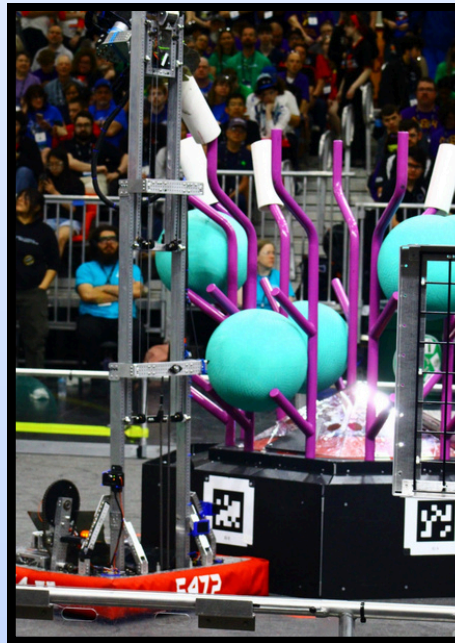
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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Wyld Stallyns student David Zapata (11th), led a robotics demonstration at a Sensory Sunday event in Fort Lauderdale. This event allowed neurodivergent children to experience the possibilities and benefits of robotics. Over 30 students attended, allowing us to expand our team's reach. We plan to continue these events and create a more inclusive environment for robotics students across South Florida and the world.



OFFSEASON GOALS

The Stallyns are dying to get next season started so they can have even more success than this year. This starts with offseason, where the Stallyns will design a robot for this year's game using all of the knowledge they have gained over the season. This will allow for more experience come next season in terms of design and driving. The Stallyns are also creating a new organizational structure to better serve team interests.

THANK YOU, SPONSORS!

We appreciate your continued support of our program, allowing us to create amazing robots and compete on the world stage. Through your sponsorship, you are supporting the next generation of STEM leaders and problem solvers. We would not be able to learn, create, and work as a team without your support. We look forward to continuing our partnerships in the future as we continue to grow each and every season. Thank you for helping turn our students' dreams into reality through robotics.



THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR AMAZING PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS!