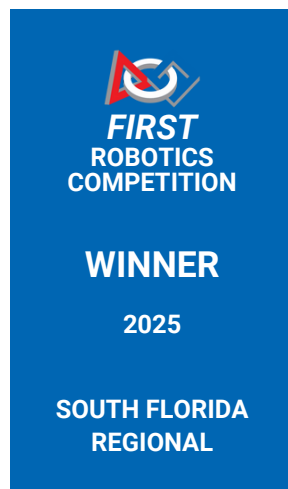
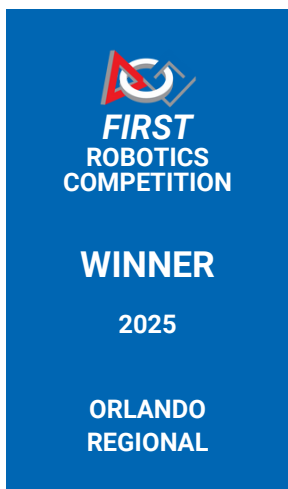




S.P.A.M. WEEKLY



Week 13: 3/31/25 - 4/6/25



Week Thirteen

This week, S.P.A.M. participated in the South Florida Regional. We had amazing results: Winning the competition as the #1 ranked robot and captains of the #1 alliance; Winning the autonomous award, which recognizes a robot that has reliable, high quality performance during autonomously controlled tasks; And one of our students winning the Dean's List Award. Thank you so much to all the students, mentors, and sponsors who have supported the team throughout the season so far! We have less than 2 weeks until we leave for the World Championships and there are a lot of preparations to be made.

P I T C R E W



At the South Florida regional, our pit crew handled issues very efficiently. Our robot's intake had several mechanical issues throughout practice day and qualifying matches. But by playoffs, it was back in top shape. The robot also had some electrical issues that were quickly handled and solved toward the end of the competition. In addition to repairs and maintenance, our pit crew made a great impression on all the judges and VIP guests that visited our pit, leading to the team being given the Autonomous Award. From presenting the robot to judges to participating in an interview for a news channel, our pit crew did an amazing job!

D R I V E T E A M



Already familiar with this year's game, our drive team had a great time at the South Florida Regional. The drive team stayed focused throughout the competition, leading to team victories even when the odds were against us. They found ways to integrate a little bit of fun into each match. By reading quotes from the Art of War to our alliance partners, the drive team was able to make tough matches into light work. Fueled by a combination of capri-suns, gushers, mangos, and Sun Tzu, the drive team was able to pull off the win at the South Florida Regional.

S C O U T I N G



Our strategy was similar to the strategy we used at the Orlando Regional. The scouts in the stands recorded data on every single robot during every single match, which was crucial for us during qualifying matches and the playoffs. This led to S.P.A.M. being ranked first overall after qualification matches. We partnered up with Team 179 Children of the Swamp and Team 5410 Eaglebotics. Our amazing strategy led to us only losing 2 matches throughout the entire competition.

Inspirational Quote of the Week:
"The art of war is of vital importance to the State."
-Sun Tzu, ~500 BCE

DEAN'S LIST

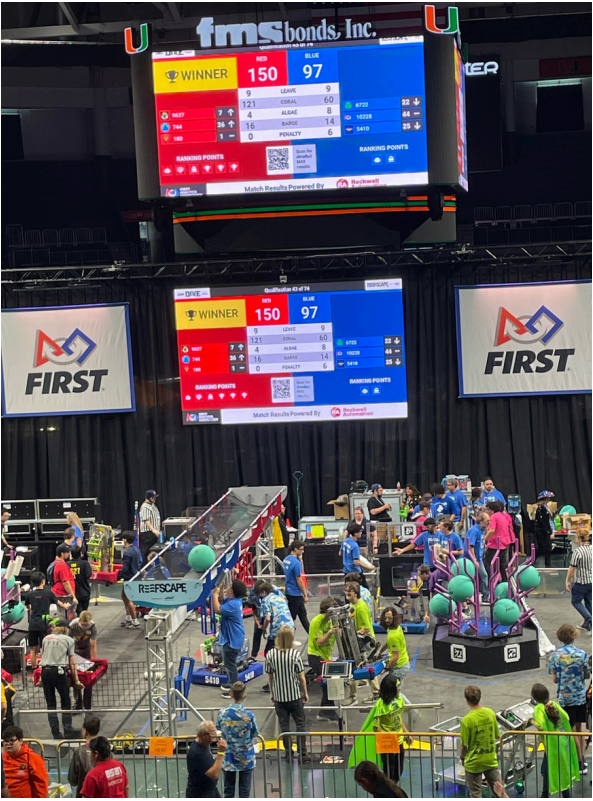


The Dean's List Award is an award given to an individual to recognize their dedication and leadership in FIRST. S.P.A.M. is proud to congratulate our very own president, Zach Dean, for winning this award at the South Florida Regional. Zach has been part of S.P.A.M. for 3 years and is a highly valued member of our team. Not only is he technically knowledgeable, but he has a passion for STEM and robotics that inspires all students. Zach has dedicated over 500 hours in team meetings, volunteering, and competition this season. He designs and makes robot parts, represents the team at community and school district events, promotes STEM education through volunteering, and so much more. Zach leads by example, promoting an inclusive and positive atmosphere within the team. He will now be going up for this award at the World Championships next week.

WOODIE FLOWERS



Our students nominated Ryan Shavell for the Woodie Flowers award this year. The students held a private meeting and chose Ryan to be the team's nominee. Ryan has been on the team since 2023 and is a core part of the S.P.A.M. family. He is the programming mentor, drive coach, and IT admin. His positive attitude, willingness to share knowledge, and genuine care for the students on the team has created a wonderful environment where students not only learn, but also have a great time. From driving 2 hours from orlando to attend meetings to buying the drive team snacks at competition, Ryan goes the extra mile to to support S.P.A.M.. Thank you so much, Ryan, for all the time and effort you put into the team!





IMPORTANT
PACKING UP FOR HOUSTON ON SUNDAY
THE BUS LEAVES FOR HOUSTON AT 5PM
TUESDAY FROM OUR PIT

April Meetings						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
			<u>SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL</u>			
						
		<u>FRC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS</u>				
						
						

Our Schedule is also on our [website!!](#)

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