

Marshall High School robotics team takes third at State competition

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Alternative High School Experiences Big Success With First-Ever After School Program

BEND, Ore. -- Marshall High School may be small, but its students do things in a big way. At the beginning of the year, the school started a robotics program -- the first after school program in the school's 11-year history. Earlier this month, the fledgling team scored in the top three Oregon teams at their first statewide robotics competition and took home first place in the Amaze category. The team placed third overall out of 29 other school teams at the FIRST Tech Challenge Championship in Hillsboro. After the first round, they were in first place and fell to third with their round two-partner team. The competition consisted of designing and building robots with radio and autonomous controlled behavior and performing a series of tasks before the competition. At the statewide contest, they competed with and against other teams. The team placed first in the Amaze category. This award goes to a team the judges believe merits recognition for unique efforts, performance, or dynamics. Recognition may be granted for going above and beyond to assist another team at the competition or demonstrating excellence. Both the name and the award criteria describe the Marshall students. "The dedication and positive attitude of the students is inspiring," said Sarah Cofer, Robotics Advisor. "They're smart kids who believe they can do anything. I'm so proud of all of their hard work," she said. The team members are Marty Hazeltine, Zachary Tucker (grade 10), and Skye Evans (grade 11). Marshall High School is an alternative high school serving approximately 200 students. The school opened in 1997.

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