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Royal Live Oaks Robotics teams win championship; going to World Competition

HARDEEVILLE, SC --- Two robotics teams from Royal Live Oaks Academy of the Arts and Sciences Charter School (RLOACS) have qualified to attend the World Championship of the VEX IQ Elementary Robotics Competition.

The 4825E and 4825G elementary school robotics teams from RLOACS attended the 2022 South Carolina VEX IQ Elementary State Championship on February 26, 2022. Both teams designed robots that had to perform different skills challenges to accrue points. Based on the number of points both teams' robots earned, both teams qualified to attend the World Championship of the VEX IQ Elementary Robotics Competition in Dallas, Texas.

"I feel excited and nervous at the same time," said Ella Nettles, a third-grade member of the 4825E robotics team. "I want to see the trophies at the world championships and bring at least one home!"

For the first time in school history, Team 4825E won VEX IQ State Tournament Champions, the Excellence Award, and were crowned the Skills Challenge Champions. Team 4825G won the Design Award for their robot.

Each team participated in three separate components of the competition: game match, skills challenge, and interview/engineering notebook. The design process for the champion robots began in September, when both teams began brainstorming potential designs and building prototypes to meet the challenge presented by the VEX competition.

"I am so proud of what these students have accomplished," said Ms. Cindy Moore, Robotics Coach and IT Director of Royal Live Oaks Academy of the Arts and Sciences. "If they are winning awards like these in 3rd-5th grade, I can only imagine where they will be when they get to high school."

Both teams will participate in a World Championship Interview on Saturday, March 19th via Zoom before traveling to Dallas in May for the championship. Visit <http://www.rloacs.org/robotics/> to learn how you can support their trip.

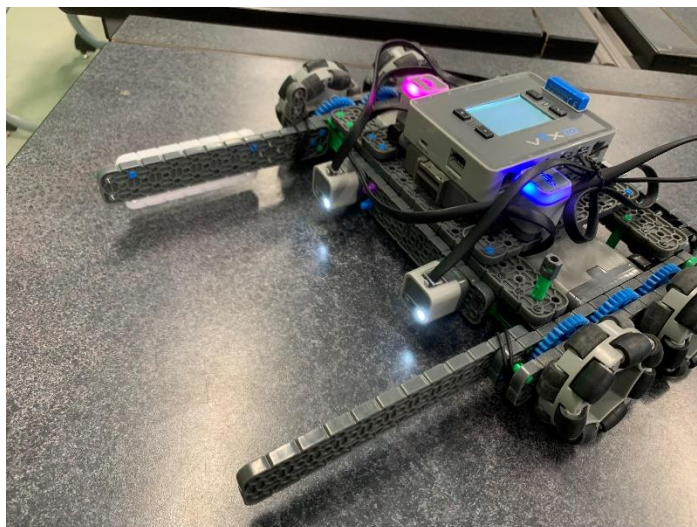
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The robotics teams from RLOACS at the VEX IQ competition.



One of the award-winning robots.