

CITRUS CIRCUITS

APRIL NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

DYR Schools Tournaments
April 21

FIRST World Championship
April 27 - May 2

Dinner in the Vineyard
May 16

Rock for Robots
May 16

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SACRAMENTO DISTRICT EVENT

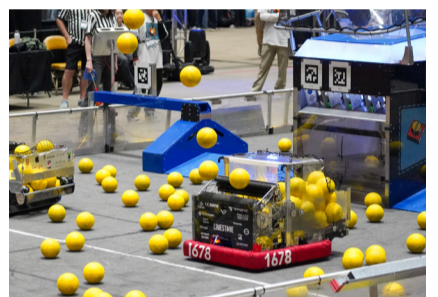
We participated in our final district competition, the Sacramento District Event, in Elk Grove, California, from March 20 to 22. After competing in 12 qualification matches against 38 other teams from the greater Sacramento area, we placed first, maintaining a perfect record and setting a new world record of 768 points. As the first alliance captain, we selected Team 5940 BREAD and Team 2204 Rambots for our alliance. We advanced undefeated through the upper bracket, becoming the first Sacramento District Event winners. We also won the Autonomous Award, with an average auto fuel score of 111.92, celebrating our consistent, reliable, high-performance robot operation during autonomous.



Our rookie team, Citrus Sparks, placed sixteenth, with a record of 6-6, and was selected for the eighth seed alliance. They lost their first playoff match, but made their way through the lower bracket, upsetting the fifth and second seed alliances, before eventually falling to the fourth seed alliance in the quarter finals.

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

After placing first in our district, we qualified for the first-ever California Northern State Championship. We got off to a rocky start, losing two of our first four matches, but we bounced back, ultimately placing sixth with a record of 9-3. We were selected by Team 9470 Ctrl-Alt-Defeat as the first pick of the second seed alliance, along with Team 6665 C-Otters. We won our first two elimination matches, but were knocked down to the lower bracket after losing to the first alliance. In the semi-final round, we beat the fifth alliance, advancing to the finals. In the first finals match, we went down early, losing the autonomous period 199-100, but we came back, scoring 229 points in the end game and winning the match. Unfortunately, we lost the next two matches, becoming the California Northern State Championship Finalists. We were also honored to win the Impact Award, the most prestigious award in FIRST, celebrating our commitment to our community through our outreach programs. Winning the Impact Award at the District Championship has qualified us to compete for the Impact Award at the FIRST World Championship, with the opportunity to compete for induction into the FIRST Hall of Fame.



DINNER IN THE VINEYARD

Tickets are on sale now for the first annual Dinner in the Vineyard Fundraiser benefiting the Citrus Circuits high school robotics team and Davis Robotics Foundation. The event will take place Saturday, May 16, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and is hosted by Kurtural Family Vineyards. The evening will include a buffet dinner from Anderson Family Catering, wines from Kurtural Family Vineyards, raffle prizes, and a silent auction. Only 100 tickets will be sold for this adults-only event, and sponsorships for tables of 10 are available.



Tickets are \$90 per person and \$1000 to sponsor a table of 10, which comes with extra benefits during the evening. To purchase, please go to www.citruscircuits.org and click on the banner for Dinner in the Vineyard Fundraiser or under the Support Us tab.

FIRST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2026 FIRST World Championship will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas, from April 29 to May 2. Each year, hundreds of teams from around the world compete for the World Championship. This year, after winning the Half Moon Bay and Sacramento District events, we earned 192 ranking points, qualifying along with 46 other teams from California.

DYR SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

On April 14, we held our first Davis Youth Robotics Schools tournament of the 2026 season at Willett Elementary School. A total of 30 teams from across the Davis Joint Unified School District played in 38 qualification matches, competing for a spot in the playoffs. Following the qualification rounds, the top 16 teams advanced to the playoffs, where they were paired into eight alliances. After eight exciting single-elimination matches, Team D2 Tanuki and Team W5 Bill Nye the Robot emerged as the event champions! We will be hosting two more events for school teams on April 21 and May 19.

ROCK FOR ROBOTS

Join us for Rock for Robots on May 16, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m! This year's annual Rock for Robots will be at Sudwerk Brewing Company, 2001 2nd Street, Davis. Everyone is welcome to join! Rock for Robots is a teen concert fundraiser for Citrus Citrus. Enjoy food, drink, and live teen rock music while supporting a meaningful cause. This is a free event, but any donation you can contribute at the event is greatly appreciated! We look forward to seeing you there.

