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## Campolindo Robotics Wins First Place at Regional Competition

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From left: Bradley Zhu, Cary Huang, Stephen DaRodda, and Kourosh Arasteh. Photos provided

The Campolindo High School Robotics Team 524, "Boss Bots," duked it out at Jefferson High School in Daly City Jan. 18 with 31 other teams from across the Bay Area in the First Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics competition that puts robots head to head in a sporting-style tournament.

Campolindo's robotics club has been hot since its inception. The team has competed in the FTC robotics competition since 2011, winning the opportunity to compete at the international-level in its first year and receiving numerous design awards throughout its three-year history. Every season, the team works together to create a new robot designed to complete specified tasks, doing anything from picking up blocks to hanging from bars. Member Jacob Ngai says: "Robotics club is about every member bringing in his own forte, whether hardware or software, combining our intellects to explore the limits of robot power."

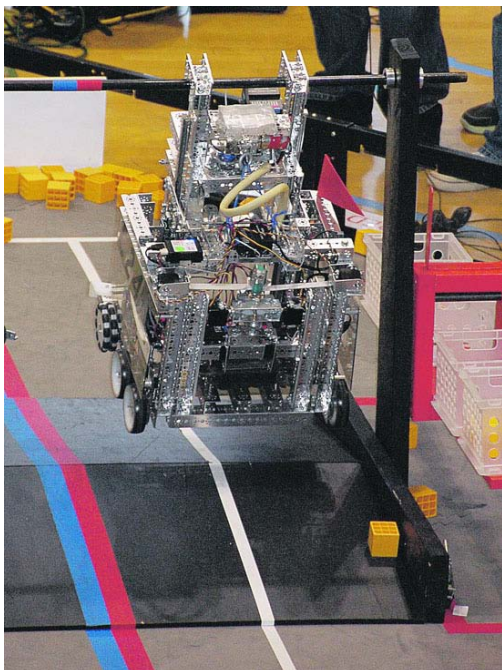
The team pulled through a hard day of competing matches to win the title of First Place Alliance Captain,

making them the highest ranking team in the tournament. The team also won the Rockwell Collins Innovate award for its creative and robust robot design. The team has already qualified for the upcoming regional tournament in February, which will be their next step to the world championships.

Kourosh Arasteh, president of the Campo Robotics Club, reflected on the competition: "I am very proud of the team, for our hard work paying off, and I look forward to the challenge of competing at a higher level. We are indebted to advisors Mrs. Nita Madra and Mr. Ken Coates for their unwavering support and dedication. One of the hallmarks of our team is adaptation, and I am confident that we will bring a well-developed and efficient robot to the NorCal Championship in February."

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Robot created by the Campolindo High School Robotics Team 524, "Boss Bots."



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