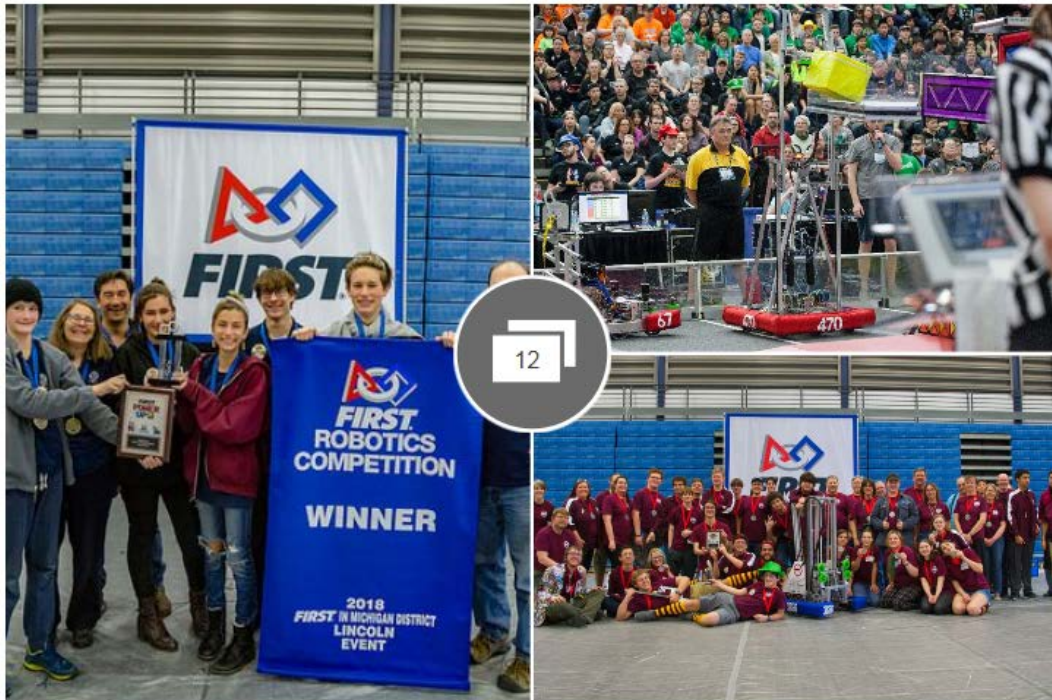


# Ann Arbor, South Lyon, Dexter teams win in FIRST Robotics districts

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AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP, MI - More than 1,000 students representing 39 FIRST Robotics teams spent this past weekend at a district competition held at Lincoln High School.

Steiner Steel Storm, from Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor, was one of three event winners, along with teams from South Lyon and Woodhaven High School.

Dexter High School's Dreadbots team was an event finalist along with teams from Airport Senior High School and Flat Rock Community High School. The Dreadbots also won the Industrial Design Award sponsored by General Motors, one of several judged awards.

The Flying Toasters, from South Lyon East High School and South Lyon High School, won the district Chairman's Award - the top award in FIRST Robotics - which guarantees the team a spot at the state championship.

The district competition at Lincoln, which took place Thursday, March 15, through Saturday, March 17, also included the following Washtenaw County teams: two Grizzly Robotics teams, from Ypsilanti; The RatPack, from Ann Arbor; Technical Difficulties, from Chelsea; Eagle Imperium, from Ann Arbor; Singularity, from Saline; The Lawnmowers, from Ann Arbor; Code Red Robotics, from Milan; Zebrotics, from Ann Arbor; FEAR the Termigators, from Ypsilanti; Digital Dislocators, from Manchester; Strange Quarks, from Ann Arbor; Linc-Bots, from Ypsilanti; and Falcons Senior Robo Team, from Ann Arbor.

Teams earn points from the district competitions based on their rankings and performance through several rounds of competition and whether they win any judged awards. Rookie teams get a 10-point bonus, and second-year teams get a 5-point bonus.

After six weeks of district competitions, the top 160 teams advance to the state championship on April 11 to 14. All district Chairman's Award winners automatically qualify for the state championship.

For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics is an international youth robotics competition, with more than 3,600 teams worldwide competing at the high school level this year, [according to FIRST Robotics.](#)

Teams build and program robots to complete tasks that fit with this year's video game theme, "Power Up." Alliances of three robots then face off in the arena to see who can complete the tasks more quickly and skillfully.