

## For Immediate Release

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## Folsom-based Robotics Team Qualifies for World Championship

Team Juice 16236, a Folsom-based FIRST Tech Challenge Team, qualifies for the World Championship.

**Folsom, California** – A local FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics team, Team Juice 16236, competed at the Northern California Regional Tournament where they won the 1st place Design Award and were the Winning Alliance. As a result, they have secured a spot at the FIRST World Championships in Houston, Texas, becoming one of the first Northern California teams from outside of the Bay Area to ever do this twice.

FTC Teams form alliances with other teams and go against other alliances in a 2x2 style game, this year is called POWERPLAY presented by Raytheon Technologies. The Winning Alliance is an Alliance of 3 teams who together won the Event Grand Finals. The Design Award recognizes the team with a unique outstanding design and implementation of their robot, including its functionality, efficiency, aesthetics, and reliability.

We are incredibly proud of what we have achieved so far and excited to represent our community at the Worlds Championship, but we still need additional support to cover the costs of travel, accommodations, and other expenses. We hope that local businesses will see the value in supporting STEM education and help us make this trip possible.

- Hunter Tsai, Captain of Team Juice 16236

The Worlds Championship is a highly competitive event that brings together the best FTC robotics

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teams from around the world. The event will be held during April 19-22 in Houston, Texas.

Team Juice advanced to the NorCal Regional Tournament from the Roseville FTC Qualifier earlier this year, in which they won 1st place Inspire Award, Finalist Alliance, 2nd place Motivate Award, and 2nd place Design Award.

Team Juice is determined to represent its community to the best of its abilities and make its supporters proud. They invite local businesses, organizations, and the community to join them on this incredible journey by becoming corporate or individual sponsors of the team.

For more information about Team Juice and how to become a corporate or individual sponsor, please contact Hunter Tsai at ftcteam16236@gmail.com and go to **juicerobotics.org/sponsors** or **gofund.me/c9d087b6**.

**About Us:** Team Juice 16236 is a competitive robotics team in Folsom, CA. Founded in 2019, our team comprises of six high school students. Team Juice competes in the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC), an international robotics competition open to grades 7-12. We are an official initiative under Silent Bot Deadly which is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit.

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