

## SFR Newsletter

Having devoted innumerable hours throughout the six-week build period, MVRT brought their expertly crafted robot to the highly anticipated San Francisco Regionals competition, organized by Saint Ignatius College Preparatory. MVRT members spent many hours on both Saturday, March 18, and Sunday March 19, cheering, socializing and working in the pits.



At last, the awaited day arrived! MVRT participants rose early, before sunrise, to prepare for the opening ceremony and the exciting qualification rounds. MVRT began matches with resounding wins, and as the competition progressed, members in stands united in spirit to encourage their robot toward triumph.

Throughout Saturday, while MVRT encountered a couple of bumps in the road, they managed to stay strong and bounce back. Senior Jacob Gino stated, “It started off rough at the beginning because we all knew the issue and why [the robot wasn’t working properly], but it kept repeating which made it very frustrating. Luckily,” after working hard in the pits, “once it started working, we were back in the game.”



Another main event for the first day was the Impact Speech, which, coupled with the Impact Video and Essay, aimed to win MVRT the Impact Award. Freshman and Impact Speech speaker Jahnavi Kumar exclaimed, “Walking into the room for the speech, I was really nervous but knowing that I had the support of Darpan and Sohni, the other speakers, but also the entirety of MVRT, really helped alleviate that stress and allowed for me to try to truly convey the impact MVRT has made on our community.” The speakers

had a blast showcasing our outreach to judges, and continued their effort by speaking in pits as well throughout both Saturday and Sunday!



Day 2 commenced with a strong start with the last part of the qualification matches. MVRT demonstrated their prowess by securing victories in all their remaining qualification matches, ranking 6 by the end of quals. During alliance selection, MVRT made strategic decisions and formed an alliance with TKO from Archbishop Mitty High School and Armor Robotics.

Once all the alliances were established, the playoffs began. With an unbeaten record, MVRT proceeded confidently into the playoffs, facing reigning champions and finishing SFR as finalists! We are immensely proud of our accomplishments!

During the Awards Ceremony at the end of Sunday, not only was MVRT awarded as a finalist, but also the winner of the Impact Award, securing their place in the World Championship. The team was overjoyed with this achievement, as members shed tears of happiness and jumped around in celebration. The recognition of MVRT's hard work and passion for robotics fueled our excitement and anticipation for the upcoming events in Idaho and Champs.



We would like to thank all mentors, parents, and alumni for their continuous support to MVRT. Our accomplishments would not have been possible without you. Furthermore, we'd like to thank the immense hardwork our members have constantly put in to take us to finalists and World Championships. The work our team has put in this year is incredible, and we can't wait to compete in Idaho next week!