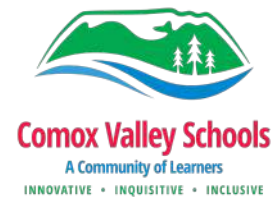


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Comox Valley Schools Robotics71 teams take home top awards at Highland

Comox Valley, B.C. – Comox Valley Schools recently hosted the second VEX V5 competitive robotics tournament of the season at Highland Secondary, where 18 teams from Victoria, Salt Spring Island, Port Alberni and the Comox Valley, competed for trophies and bragging rights over this year’s “High Stakes” robotics challenge.

Winning the Top Excellence Award was Robotics71’s team 7842-F, comprised of Benoit Vaillant, Zane Radawiec and Laurian Blachford, for achieving the best overall robot design and winning performance in the competition arena.

Winning the first place Tournament Champions Award was Robotics71 team 7842-Z, including members Mikayla Roddam, Connor Gallagher, Ira Turner, Sebastian Graham and Liam Bugslag, which they shared with their strategic alliance partner 1022-R from Claremont Secondary. Team-Z also won the Innovate Award for their imaginatively novel approach to robotics design.

Alliance teams 7842-F and 7842-S consisting of members Josh Moller, Brandon McDonnell, Caelan MacKenzie and Mika Doehre brought home second-place tournament finalist trophies. Team-S also won the Build Award, for the best attention to detail in designing a robot that will best stand up to the rigors of competition.

Special thanks to the many sponsors, teachers, parents/guardians and volunteers from throughout the island who make this exceptionally rewarding STEM learning experience possible for these students. Many former Robotics71 students have gone on to compete at the World Championships, have won top scholarships and now lead successful careers in the tech sector.

Coming up February 7- 9, three Robotic71 teams will be competing at the National “Mecha Mayhem” signature event being held at the Saddledome in Calgary, Alberta. If you happen to see them around the valley at one of their fund-raising events, stop and have a chat with these inspirational roboteers and check out some of their brilliant autonomous creations.

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Robotics 71 team photo



Team-F: Excellence Award Winners



Team-Z: Tournament Champions & Innovate Award Winners with alliance partner 1022-R