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**Detroit, Bloomfield Hills, Grandville and Rochester teams win top honors at VEX Robotics championships**

Detroit Catholic Central High School's VEX Shambots B team won the coveted VEX Robotics Excellence Award and a three-team alliance from Bloomfield Hills, Grandville, and Rochester were high school tournament champions at the 2017 Michigan VEX Robotics State Championship on Sunday, Feb. 19, at Michigan State University. At the middle school level, Hudsonville Robotics took home the VEX Excellence Award and a three-team alliance that included two teams from Flint's Carman Ainsworth Middle School Robotics and the Technology First team from Lambertville were tournament champions.

In all, around 500 of Michigan’s youngest robotic masters attended the championship tournament.

There were 76 teams, including 48 high school and 28 middle school teams, competing at the 2017 state games -- each working for the right to represent Michigan in the 2017 VEX Robotics World Games in Louisville, Kentucky, April 19-25.

**The 2017 MSU VEX High School State Championship results are:**

**Excellence Award.** 2030B, Detroit Catholic Central High School

*Qualifies for World Championship*

**Tournament Champions**

98725B, Rochester Hills Christian School

244A, Grandville Community Education

69, Bloomfield Hills
Qualifies for World Championship

CREATE U.S. Open
88729B, Caseville High School

Build Award
35, Cranbrook Schools, Bloomfield Hills

Design Award
98725B, Rochester Hills Christian School
Qualifies for World Championship

Judges Award
35A, Cranbrook Schools, Bloomfield Hills

Tournament Finalists
8031D, Hudsonville Robotics
6715B, Hudsonville Robotics
288E, Grandville High School
Qualifies for World Championship

Robot Skills Winner
244A, Grandville Community Education
Qualifies for World Championship at CREATE U.S. Open

Tournament Semifinalists
3767X, West Senior High School, Traverse City
288A, Grandville High School
288G, Grandville High School
39A, Cranbrook Schools, Bloomfield Hills
39Z, Cranbrook Schools, Bloomfield Hills
35, Cranbrook Schools, Bloomfield Hills
Qualifies for World Championship

The 2017 MSU VEX Middle School State Championship results are:
Excellence Award
8860D, Hudsonville Robotics
Qualifies for World Championship

Tournament Champions
1375A, Carman Ainsworth Middle School Robotics, Flint
1375B, Carman Ainsworth Middle School Robotics, Flint
3547C, Technology First, Lambertville
Qualifies for World Championship

CREATE U.S. Open
3547A, Technology First, Lambertville

Build Award
3547C, Technology First, Lambertville

Design Award
457B, Jenison Robotics
Qualifies for World Championship

Judges Award
636B, Grand Rapids Junior Robotics

Tournament Finalists
38B, Cranbrook Schools, Bloomfield Hills
38A, Cranbrook Schools, Bloomfield Hills
636B, Grand Rapids Junior Robotics

Robot Skills Award
1375B, Carman Ainsworth Middle School Robotics, Flint
Qualifies for World Championship at CREATE U.S. Open
The VEX Robotics program is supported by MSU student volunteers, who help VEX participants learn the principles of engineering as they design and build their robots for competition throughout the year. More than 100 volunteers, including MSU faculty, staff and students, help make the state championship possible.

There are 369 VEX teams in Michigan, 242 in high schools and 127 in middle schools. MSU is the largest university sponsor of VEX Robotics in Michigan, supporting 24 teams around the state. Many of the teams are from schools with underrepresented student populations.

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