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MSU’s VEX U Robotics Team brings home international recognition and a trophy from 2019 VEX World Games

The MSU VEX U Robotics Team had an “amazing” experience at the 2019 VEX World Championship in Louisville, Kentucky. Challenged by VEX teams from around the globe, the Spartan team brought home the Amaze Award from the world games, April 24-27.

Robotics coordinator Bob Watson said MSU's team competed against the best 80 teams in the world.

“The MSU VEX team worked long hours to be able to be competitive on an international basis,” Watson explained. "With the world competition being the week before finals, they needed to manage all of their classes, as well as finishing the build, and then programming for the robots. And they had a great opportunity to interact with students from around the world,” he added.

The Amaze Award is presented for a competition robot that clearly demonstrates overall quality, including:

• A solid mechanical design along with demonstrated robot programming, robustness, strong performance and consistency are key attributes assessed for this award.
• A robot design that is consistently high-scoring and competitive.
• The robot’s autonomous mode is consistently successful.
• And strong presentations of teamwork, interview quality, and team professionalism.
The VEX U college and university competition has more than 300 teams competing in local tournaments and at VEX Worlds. Based on the VEX Robotics Competition, VEX U teams are allowed more customization and greater flexibility than other grade levels while providing the effective costs and real-world limitations of a restricted development environment.

For more on VEX U Robotics, visit: https://www.roboticseducation.org/competition-teams/vex-u/

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