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Horizon Science Academy Robotics Team Advances to State Championship

CLEVELAND - The Horizon Science Academy Cleveland (HSA) Robotics team, "**The Metallic Controllers**," successfully competed in the Northeast Ohio First Tech Challenge (FTC) Regional Qualifying Tournament on Saturday, January 3 at the Cuyahoga Community College Eastern Campus. Following many rounds of competition the team advanced to the FTC Ohio State Championship scheduled for February 14th, 2015. The team also took home the Winning Alliance Trophy. Team members are: Captain **Nicholas Vander Linden**; Mechanical Engineer/Builder **Batuhan Arslan**; Programmer/Electrician **Kamal Abdullah**; Secretary/Outreach Coordinator: **Tyree Lee Gozalez**; Builder: **Gafaru Kafaru**. The team is coached by Computer Science teacher **Haci Karahasanoglu**.



Through FTC robotics competitions, students learn to design, build, and program robots; apply real-world math and science concepts; develop problem-solving, organizational, and team-building skills; qualify for over \$10.4 million in college scholarships. The mission of the FTC is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that foster innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

Created in 1999 as a tuition-free college preparatory high school in Cleveland, the school provides an innovative, standards-based curriculum with an emphasis on Math, Science and Technology. HSA boasts a 100% college acceptance rate seven years in a row. HSA was awarded the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2009 by United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

HSA offers creative and unique programs that have proven highly successful including Saturday school, free after-school tutoring for each class, and home visits by staff to families. Enrollment is offered on a first-come first-served basis.

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