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Nevada National Security Site Supports Middle School Robotics Team

Local NBC 3 story prompts NNSS to assist

Las Vegas – The [2022 VEX Robotics World Championship](#) began Tuesday, May 3 in Dallas, and the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) is cheering for Hyde Park Middle School’s team, BOYzBOT, as they represent Southern Nevada.

BOYzBOT was nearly knocked out of contention last month when someone stole a package containing parts for their competition robot. Despite the setback, the team won first place in the Nevada State VEX Robotics Championship and advanced to the World Championship.



After hearing the team’s story on local news affiliate KSNV NBC 3 Las Vegas, and that they were seeking sponsorship to travel to the World Championship, the NNSS reached out to the team and assisted with their travel costs to Dallas.

“The NNSS is always looking for ways to make an impact in our community, especially when it is getting kids interested in STEM,” said Mark W. Martinez, NNSS President. “When we heard about this opportunity to help a team of talented future engineers, we knew we had to get involved. We could not be prouder of this team winning the state championship, and we’ll be cheering from the sidelines as they compete in the VEX Robotics World Championship.”

The VEX Robotics World Championship unites the robotic community, celebrating STEM excellence and competing in intense competition matches. Student-led teams

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ranging from elementary to university level will showcase their game strategy, design and teamwork skills to be crowned champions at this world-class global event. Participants work to increase their innovative thinking, problem-solving and communication skills, while enhancing their academic journey to build a talented workforce in various STEM-related professions.

The NNSS supports diverse and sustainable education programs focused on improving STEM at the elementary school, middle school, high school, and collegiate levels. In fiscal year 2020 alone, NNSS donated approximately \$1.7 million to educational institutions and programs in Nevada.

For updates and results on the competition, visit https://www.roboticseducation.org/vex_worlds/webcast/. To learn more about NNSS community outreach, visit <https://www.nnss.gov/pages/PublicAffairsOutreach/NNSSOutreach.html>.

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