



The JP2 Fireworks 2.0, won **1st place at the robotics *FIRST@LEGO* League (FLL) State Championship**. They are the top team in Minnesota out of 459 teams! The 1st place Champions Award, is an award presented to a team who embodies the FLL Challenge values of community, sportsmanship, outreach, are positive role models, and are exceptional in each category.

This is a homeschool team and two of Mid-Metro's students, Joseph and Ana Maria Plotts are on the team!!! WOW!!!!!! We are all so proud of the two of you and your team!!!!!!

The team, made up of 7 members from 4 homeschool families, also won **1st place Robot Performance Award**, awarded to the team with the highest score in the three official performance rounds. And the **1st place Head-to-Head Performance Award**, awarded to the 1st place team in the Head-to-Head rounds.

Along with their 1st place win comes a ticket to the *FIRST*® World Championship Tournament. Out of 50,000 teams across the world only 200 make it to "Worlds". Their team will represent Minnesota and the homeschool community in Texas this April.

FLL is a sport of the mind and the World Championship is the Olympics of engineering. We are excited to compete at Worlds. *FIRST*®, a robotics community that prepares young people for the future, brings together approximately 50,000 people from 59 different countries as 974 robotics teams put their innovation, teamwork, and robotics skills to the test at the 2024 *FIRST*® Worlds Championship, which will take place at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

An endeavor of this extent has many expenses and needs your prayers and support. We are inviting the homeschool community to participate by making a tax-deductible donation. We are so thankful for your consideration to support and encourage young STEM students in our homeschool community. An opportunity such as this helps these students to learn the value of hard work, perseverance, creativity, and success in real life.

To learn more about the JP2 Fireworks 2.0 team, and support them in prayer and monetary contributions during their World competition, go to their website to donate <http://www.shercofirst.org/donate>



In addition, we are seeking corporate sponsorships. If you or someone you know work at an engineering or STEM related firm, would you kindly pass on that information to our team? We'd love to reach out directly and ask them for their company support! In exchange we could provide advertising for the firm.

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