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Robotics winners

Eleven Suffolk County teams were winners earlier this month in the 14th annual Long Island Regional FIRST Robotics Competition at Hofstra University.

More than 1,200 students from 50 high schools in the tri-state area teamed up to design, program and build robots in a six-week time frame.

This year's theme, "Ultimate Ascent," challenged teams of three to throw as many flying discs as possible into goals and climb pyramids during roughly two-minute matches.

Suffolk's winning districts were: Smithtown, Musical Performance Award; Lindenhurst, Rockwell Automation Innovation in Control Award; Comsewogue, Xerox Creativity and Regional Finalist No. 3 Awards; Patchogue-Medford, Delphi Engineering Excellence Award; Half Hollow Hills, Judge's Award; West Islip, Motorola Quality Award; Sachem, Johnson & Johnson Gracious Professionalism Award; Longwood, Chrysler Team Spirit Award; Center Moriches, Rookie Inspiration Award; Westhampton Beach, Regional Winner No. 3 Award; Hauppauge, Regional Winner No. 2 and Regional Chairman's Awards.

FIRST stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.