



The Pierson Robotics team.

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PIERSON PLACES 13TH AT HOFSTRA

The Pierson High School robotics team put forth an award-winning performance last week at the FIRST Robotics Regional Competition at Hofstra University, finishing at No. 13 out of 37 teams in competition. According to team advisor Susan Duff, the team reached the semifinals by defeating a top-seeded team from Istanbul in the quarterfinals. Heading into the semifinals as the eighth-ranked team, Pierson chose two other teams to form

an alliance to compete in that round, but lost in a tiebreaker when an alliance team's robot was damaged early on. "We are thrilled with our performance," Ms. Duff said. Pierson's Abby Hallock earned the "Safety Captain Star of the Day" award, Colby Wilson was named "Team MVP" and the entire team earned the "Creativity and Inspiration Award" for building an innovative vacuum system into its robot.