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Hello all,

I am excited to report that Team 2910 has once again successfully fought for honor and glory on a field of robotic carnage.

This weekend, I took 14 students to one of the most elite competitions held worldwide for FIRST robotics. We encountered many tough teams (38 others to be exact) and made it to the finals as the #2 ranked alliance. En route to quarterfinal victories we won the Quality Award at the event for outstanding robot design and efficiency. We then moved into semifinals where we again won 2-0 to make our way to the final match in what was the most competitive Infinite Recharge game of the past two years. Our opponents (from Israel, California and Colorado) had a combined 3 World Championship wins in 6 appearances.

Unfortunately, we fell just shy of winning the event, narrowly losing both matches with very high scores on both sides.

However, we are still bringing home two trophies for being finalists as well as the Quality Award, and I am super proud of this new drive team and scouting team. I cannot begin to describe how much of an honor it is to get that quality award when 39 of the best teams in the world are in attendance.

The 2nd place alliance is pictured below (us on the left, with Team 4414 "Hightide" from California and Team 1868 "Space Cookies")



Videos of the competition are still processing, just as we are still processing having competed against the best in the world. Because your kids ARE among the best in the world!

Take care y'all! Full roster of attendees is here:

| Name | Role |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Abhi Basak | Scouting |
| Rahul Bonthu | Human Player (Drive Team) |
| John Fotheringham | Pit Captain |
| Ray Gautam | Scouting |
| Vidushi Gautam | Scouting Lead |
| William Harris | Human Player (Drive Team) |
| Ellie Jablinske | Media Lead |
| Logan Pedroza | Scouting |
| Quinn Pfeifer | Scouting |
| Darlina Phan | Driver (Drive Team) |
| Aron Seigal | Technician (Drive Team) |
| Nathan Smith | Mascot/Scouting/Event Energizer Bunny |
| Parker Willeford | Scouting |
| Joshua Zimmerman | Scouting |

All the best!

