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## **Horizon Science Academy Cleveland Middle School FTC Robotics Team places 1<sup>st</sup>**

### *Advances to Ohio State Championship in Cincinnati*

The Horizon Science Academy Cleveland Middle School FTC Boys Robotics Team placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of 28 teams in the first round, advancing to the Finals. In the Finals, they placed 1st as part of their alliance at Kent State University on February 4 winning a trophy and advancing to the state tournament.

This qualifies them to compete at the State Championship in Cincinnati, Ohio on February 11, 2017 for the first time in Horizon Science Academy Cleveland Middle School history.

Middle School student team members: Dylan Olson (7), Hamza Pennington (7), and Thomas Ward (8). The team is led by advisors Mehmet Ciftci and Mehmet Keles.

FTC Robotics stands for First Tech Challenge, where teams design, build, program and operate robots. The coaches and mentors help students develop STEM skills and practice engineering principles.



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