

Local teams compete in Robofest at Lawrence

Teams from Harrison High School and one team from Farmington High School competed in the Lawrence Technical University Robofest competition.

This competition involves designing and programming small robots to accomplish a task completely without human intervention. The task this year involved following a marked course, delivering a package to a delivery area and picking up tickets from a bin near the delivery area and returning them to the starting point.

Along the path there were balloons popped by the robot as it was working. Each of the tasks was assigned a point value and team score was determined by the number of tasks accomplished in a 2.5 minute run.

The Harrison team of Dan Coats, Simon Breslav, Koby Shwayder, Jeff Ziemia and Prashanth Pandian came in first with a total score of 135 points.

A second Farmington Harrison team of Michelle Goff and Kathleen Anicete came in a close second with 130 points.

The FHS team of Greg Peszek, Mike McKervoy, Ben Achtenberg and Hemanth Srinivas came in third.

Dasol Kim, Eric Brown, Nick Link, Mike Richardson, Megan Ventura, Christina McClean, and Lance Subbag from Harrison also competed in the contest.

The Harrison team was coached by teachers Steve Dail and Chuck Mullen and parent Barry Brouillette. The FHS team was coached by teacher Hershey Card and parent Barry Brouillette.

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FEA to honor teachers, friends

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The Farmington Education Association, which represents the professional staff of the Farmington Public School District, will honor four former teachers by inducting them into the Farmington Teacher Hall of Fame May 8.

The presentation begins at 4:15 p.m. at the Costick Activities Center on 11 Mile Road. The Association annually schedules the celebration to coincide with National Teachers' School/Family Day.

The teachers are:
■ Richard Curp, high school teacher and former FEA officer, spent 32 years in education, 30 years in Farmington. Curp taught science, psychology and sociology. He served on committees which included attendance, block scheduling, building remodeling, and school improvement.

■ Kay DeLuca, instrumental strings teacher, spent 34 years in Farmington. She was

instrumental in establishing A Day for Strings, which has doubled in size and is copied by other districts. She was named String Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Chapter of the American String Teachers Association.

■ Bill Harrison, high school art teacher, has almost 39 years in education, 33 years in Farmington. He was honored as Farmington Teacher of the Year in 1995 and Michigan Educator of the Year in 1997. He was involved in the Young at Art exhibit, organized field trips for Oakland County teachers to museums in Toledo, Cincinnati and Chicago and worked for the Michigan Art Education Association.

■ Pierette Simpson, high school French teacher, has 31 years in education and 28 years in Farmington. She chaperoned trips to France, was the French Club advisor for more than 20 years and brought the Back to Back exchange program to the district. She was also the founder

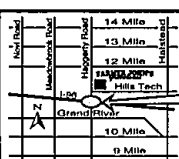
and president of the Foreign Language Awareness Group which brought together parents, teachers and businesses to enhance foreign language opportunities in the schools.

The FEA will also honor three Friend of Education Award winners. They are:
■ Janet Holm, president of the Farmington Area PTA Council. Holm has organized numerous candidate forums for state and local board of education elections.

■ Bob and Charlie Lums, parents from the Wooddale School area. The Lums assisted teachers helping to organize the science fair and math night.

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