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SOLE LAUSD MIDDLE SCHOOL TO COMPETE IN THE 2014 VEX ROBOTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

LOS ANGELES —Fresh from claiming their recent state championship in robotics, Millikan's Middle School Science Academy STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Medicine) six member team, are competing for the VEX Robotics World Championship in Anaheim from April 23 - April 26.

The tournament is the pinnacle for the team, contending in the largest educational and competitive robotics program in the world. Converged in the Anaheim Convention Center, more than 760 teams from over 26 countries will engage in a fierce battle over science and technology.



After seizing the prestigious "Excellence Award" at the state championships, Millikan, feeling strong and confident, is the only middle school in the District advancing to the latest competition.

"I feel this is an extraordinary achievement by the kids," said Carlos Lauchu, Director of Science Academy. "Their dedication to their own success has gone above and beyond all of my expectations."

The team, otherwise known as Quantum Flux, is made up of Jocelyn Shen, Jeffrey Shen, Aeden Gasser-Brennan, Marcos Perez, Seth Nicholson, and Isaiah Schwarz, who along with their faithful robot companion, Tachyon, completed their year-long goal of qualifying for the world championship. Now they will face the giants from Canada, Japan, United Kingdom, Taiwan, China, France and India.

Each year, more than 500,000 students in the classroom and through after-school competitions worldwide, turn robotics into a captivating, hands-on sport that challenges both brainpower and teamwork skills.

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Competitors at this level make up the world's sharpest, most ambitious, technology-focused elementary school, middle school, high school, and university students. These young prodigies have committed their time and energy throughout the season designing, building, programming, and developing their own unique competition strategies.

Background information:

The VEX Robotics World Championship draws top robotics teams worldwide to celebrate their accomplishments and to compete against the best of the best. The 2014 VEX Robotics World Championship includes top teams from over 400 VEX Robotics Competition tournaments, occurring from June 2013 to March 2014.

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