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Winners at Bryant University (photo courtesy of Team 1100)

Algonquin Robotics Team Takes Top Prize at New England Competition

NORTHBOROUGH - With trademark chant and uproarious enthusiasm, the award-winning Algonquin Robotics Team soared to new heights this past weekend, winning the District Competition at Bryant University in Rhode Island on March 21-22. The T-Hawks Team 1100 shared the glory with alliance captain Team 1735 from Burncoat High School in Worcester and Team 2523 from St. Johnsbury, Vermont, since in this "varsity sport for the mind," games are played in alliances of three to foster competition and cooperation. Team 1100 was also honored with the "Creativity Award," their second Creativity Award this month for this year's innovative robot. The Creativity Award, sponsored by Xerox Corporation, celebrates creative design in process, execution, or strategy.

The weekend win virtually assures the T-Hawks a spot at the *FIRST* Robotics New England District Championships at WPI on April 8-11, 2015. This event is free and open to the public. If you've ever wondered why the Robotics Team seems to be having so much fun while learning important S.T.E.M. skills, check out the Championships at WPI to see *FIRST* Robotics in action.

Algonquin Robotics Team 1100 is a *FIRST* Robotics FRC Team. It's been transforming the lives of students at Algonquin and in our communities since 2003. The history of the team has been one of tremendous growth and proud accomplishment. None of it would be possible without the support of Algonquin Regional High School, a cadre of dedicated mentors lead by Lead Mentor Dan Strickland and twenty year *FIRST* veteran Bob Galgano, and Algonquin Faculty Advisor George Clarke. The team's activities would also not be possible without its corporate sponsors. Current principal sponsors are DOW Chemical Company and Boston Scientific Corporation. Additional sponsors are the National Defense Education Program, Wegmans Food Markets, National Grid, Acuta LLC, Solidworks, Abbvie, Alex Brands, Post Road Carpet, The Church Family, Society of Military Engineers and WPI.

To learn more about Algonquin Robotics *FIRST* Team 1100, check out the team's website <http://www.team1100.org>

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