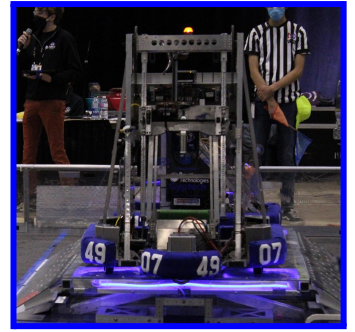


Hello valued sponsors!

Over the past few weeks Team 4907, The ThunderStamps, participated in two FIRST Robotics District events and the FIRST Robotics Provincial Championship. We performed incredibly well and could not be more proud and grateful of the efforts put into the team by all of our wonderful students, mentors, families, and sponsors!



March 17-19, we participated in the ONT District Western University Engineering Event. Our team fought hard in the qualification matches, coming out in second place with a record of 11-1. This put us in a position to be an alliance captain. As captain of the second

alliance we were considered the underdogs, especially after selecting the 9th placed team as our first teammate. This decision was made with confidence, however, thanks to our incredible scouting team who found a diamond in the rough. After some intense matches in the playoffs, we faced the number 1 alliance in the finals, and after three exceptional matches, managed to take home a First Place win! Not only did we secure another blue banner to proudly hang in our school, we were also presented with the Industrial Design Award! Once the competition was over, students and mentors spent hours repairing, updating, and preparing our robot for the next competition.



Two weeks later, our students packed their bags and headed to the ONT District Windsor Essex Great Lakes Event. In the Windsor qualification matches we also finished with a record of 11-1, and were selected by the captains of the number 1 alliance to partner up with them. Our team's hard work paid off as we managed to bring home yet another First Place, blue banner win! Not only that, but we were also presented with the Excellence in Engineering Award! Due to the fact that we performed so well at both district events, our team qualified for the FIRST Ontario Provincial Championship.



The Provincial Championship was held this past weekend in Hamilton, and we competed in the Science Division. When looking at specific statistics, it is clear that our robot's capacities have increased significantly since our first competition. At our first event, our robot cycled an average of about 5 game pieces per match, and at our most recent event this number more than doubled to 11 game pieces per match. Although our robot performed incredibly well, due to unforeseen circumstances, our

alliances as a whole did not. This caused our rankings during qualification rounds to fluctuate significantly. Thankfully, our tireless efforts allowed us to pull ourselves from a ranking in the thirties to a ranking in the top ten. We had the opportunity to be alliance captains, but were selected by a higher ranking team to join them, so of course, we accepted.

The playoff matches in Hamilton were intense and we were well on track to make it to the finals. Unfortunately, the arm on our robot unexpectedly locked while extended as a result of excessive wear from multiple competitions and we were eliminated during the division semifinals. Our team is now ranked 4th of 123 teams in Ontario, 4th of 183 in Canada, and 44th of 3294 teams worldwide. Although we were eliminated in the semifinals, our team secured enough ranking points to qualify for the FIRST Robotics World Championships in Houston, Texas.



If you are interested in keeping up with our team while we compete in Houston, please keep an eye out on our Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter pages, as we will be posting frequent updates there.

Our team would not be where we are today without your help! A huge thank you goes out to you and our other generous sponsors for their support and confidence in our team. We appreciate your contribution more than words can convey, and due to your help we are able to provide many students with these incredible, once in a lifetime opportunities. Thank you!



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