



U.S. FIRST COMPETITION AWARDS

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PROCTER & GAMBLE/WALNUT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL TEAM BESTS 43 TEAMS AT THE 1994 U.S. FIRST COMPETITION

Chairman's Award goes to XEROX Corp./Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School, Rochester, NY.

Texas Instruments/Denison High School of Texas is finalist team.

MANCHESTER, N.H. (February 26, 1994) -- The Procter & Gamble/Walnut Hills High School team of Cincinnati, Ohio maneuvered its remote control robot to best 43 competitors from around the country and win the third annual U.S. FIRST Competition today at Nashua High School in Nashua, N.H. The XEROX Corp./Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School, Rochester, NY, team received the U.S. FIRST Chairman's trophy for the best creative partnership at the three-day national engineering celebration in creative design and school partnering.

Texas Instruments/Denison High School of Texas was the finalist. Honeywell, Inc./Cortez High School of Phoenix, AZ and Ingersoll-Rand/Bishop Guertin High School, of Nashua, NH were the semi-finalists at this year's Competition.

The U.S. FIRST Competition is a national tournament which pits radio-controlled "robo-gladiators" against each other in final elimination matches. Nearly double the number of teams competed in the 1994 Competition as did in 1993.

Over a seven week period prior to the event, teams of high school students and professional engineers built the devices from a standard kit of parts provided by U.S. FIRST. Two students "drove" each remote control robot to shoot colored soccer balls into a central upper and lower goal.

"As more and more students participate hands-on in the U.S. FIRST Competition and more high schools are broadcasting our program to their entire student population, we are beginning to convince kids that science and technology are exciting and fun elements in their lives," said Dean Kamen, founder, U.S. FIRST. "All of our competitors should be proud of their contributions to making a difference in the way Americans view science and technology."

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In addition to the three-day competition, all players and corporate sponsors were invited to an awards celebration on Friday evening at the Center of New Hampshire, Manchester, NH. The dinner keynote speaker was Dr. Mary Lowe Good, United States Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.

The 1994 competition was co-sponsored by Motorola, Procter & Gamble and E-Systems, Inc. Autodesk, Inc. donated AutoCAD and 3D Studio software programs.

The U.S. FIRST Competition was designed by Dr. Woodie Flowers, a U.S. FIRST National Advisor and Professor of Teaching Innovation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It is based on Dr. Flowers' highly successful annual MIT 2.70 design engineering competition.

Founded in 1989 by Manchester-based inventor and entrepreneur Dean Kamen, U.S. FIRST is a national, not-for-profit coalition developing a broad range of innovative new programs to excite the next generation about science and technology. The U.S. FIRST Competition is one of those programs.

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1994 U.S.FIRST Competition Champion: Procter & Gamble Co. / Walnut Hills High School, Cincinnati, OH

Chairman's Award: XEROX Corp. / Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School, Rochester, NY

Founder's Award: Honeywell, Incorporated

Most Creative Design: Bose Corporation/Assabet Valley High School/Framingham High School, Framingham, MA.

Procter & Gamble Creativity Award: Symbiosis Corporation/Miami Springs High School, Miami Springs, FL.

Best Offensive Round: Texas Instruments/Denison High School, Denison, TX.

Outstanding Defense: NASA Lewis Research Center/Cuyahoga County School, Cleveland, OH.

E-Systems Best Play of the Day: E-Systems/Dallas Christian High School, Garland, TX.

Motorola Quality Award: Navi Dowty & Associates, Inc./D.C. Everest High School, Schofield, WI.

Most Photogenic: Eastman Kodak Company/Edison Technical School, Rochester, NY.

Best Sportsmanship: Lockheed Sanders/Nashua High School, Nashua, NH.

Best Team Spirit Display: NYNEX Corp./Somerville High School, Somerville, MA.

Number One Seed: Markem Corporation/Keene High School, Keene, NH.

Rookie All-Stars: Procter & Gamble/Aiken High School, Cincinnati, OH

Southern Methodist University/St. Mark's School of Texas/The Hockaday School, Dallas, TX

Honeywell Commercial Flight Systems Div./Cortez High School, Phoenix, AZ.

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