

## **Two Howell FIRST Tech Challenge Teams Qualify for State Finals**

*Teams excel at their first events of the year*

**HOWELL, Mich., Nov. 18, 2021** – Two of Howell’s four FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) teams, have qualified for the FIRST in Michigan State Finals based on their performances at FTC Qualifier events last weekend.

Team KAOS qualified based on their performance in the Fruitport Qualifier. The team finished qualifying matches with a 3-2 record and was selected as an alliance member by Team RoboDux from Zeeland for the playoff matches. Joining Team KAOS and Team RoboDux in the alliance was Team ZooBOTix United from Kalamazoo. The alliance went 4-0 in the playoff matches to be named event champions and advance to the state finals.

In addition to being a member of the winning alliance in Fruitport, Team KAOS earned the Motivate Award at the event. The Motivate Award is given to a team that embraces the culture of FIRST and clearly shows what it means to be a team. The award celebrates the team that represents the essence of the FIRST Tech Challenge competition through Gracious Professionalism and general enthusiasm for the overall philosophy of FIRST and what it means to be a FIRST Tech Challenge Team.

Team KILTS qualified based on their performance at the Midland Qualifier. KILTS finished their qualifying matches with a 4-0 record before being selected as an alliance member by Team The Viking Speed Warriors from Midland. Joining the two teams to complete the alliance was Team Circuit Breakers from Troy. The alliance fell 2-3 in the playoffs but still qualified for the state finals.

Team KILTS also earned the Think Award at their event. The Think Award award is given to the team that best reflects the journey the team took as they experienced the engineering design process during the build season.

This year’s FTC game is In FREIGHT FRENZY. In the game, teams and their robots must navigate a complex transportation system by traversing barriers and racing against time to load and deliver essential items to those who need them most.

All four of Howell’s FTC teams will be back in action when the Highlander Robotics program hosts the FTC Howell Qualifier this Saturday, November 19, at Parker Middle School. Opening Ceremonies are set for 10:30 a.m. with qualifying matches beginning at 11:00 a.m. for more information on the Howell Qualifier, please visit <https://bit.ly/3ntxGbg>.

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