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## MECHANICAL ADVANTAGE

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### **Littleton Robotics' Mechanical Advantage *FIRST* Robotics Competition Team Awarded Prestigious Engineering Inspiration Award**

**(Littleton, MA) March 3, 2019** – Mechanical Advantage 6328, Littleton Robotics' third-year *FIRST* Robotics Competition (FRC) team, is profoundly honored to be awarded the Engineering Inspiration Award at their initial competition of the 2019 season, the Granite State District competition held at Salem High School in Salem, NH on March 1-2, 2019. The judged award celebrates a team's outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's organization and community.

"All our team members have worked so hard to get out into our community, show what *FIRST* is all about, grow our program, and make a direct impact on people who might not have seen science and technology as part of their future," said Deanna Clark, Team Manager of Mechanical Advantage. "*FIRST*, at its core, is about sharing the fun, creativity, and collaborative nature of engineering and STEM. Our students have embraced that idea with a passion."

Mechanical Advantage's robot faced difficult game play, ranking 30th of 36 teams at the end of 72 qualification matches. "Despite facing some daunting challenges, all of the team mentors were so impressed by how our students truly worked together to overcome them. They proactively took responsibility for every part of the team and worked together with a sense of true ownership of what they were doing," said Clark.

For a full list of results and rankings from the Granite State District competition, see [www.thebluealliance.com/event/2019nhgrs](http://www.thebluealliance.com/event/2019nhgrs).

Through the fall, Mechanical Advantage participated in a variety of outreach events, including Littleton's Third Thursdays, Greenfest in Boston, and hosting a Girl Scouts robotics badge event, to help educate communities about *FIRST* and STEM educational opportunities. The team also focused on fundraising with sponsors and held training meetings for new team members. Littleton Robotics, the non-profit organization behind Mechanical Advantage, also ran three *FIRST* Lego League teams, which recently finished their first competition season, and hosted a *FIRST* Lego League Jr. team.

Mechanical Advantage 6328's next competitive events will be the Western NE District competition at Western New England University in Springfield, MA the weekend of March 23-24, 2019, and the Central Mass District competition at Shrewsbury High School. The team is also now eligible to compete for the Engineering Inspiration Award at the FRC New England District Championships held at WPI in Worcester on April 11-13, 2019.

Mechanical Advantage is actively looking for organizations willing to help sponsor the team. For more information, please contact [info@littletonrobotics.org](mailto:info@littletonrobotics.org) or visit the team's website at [littletonrobotics.org](http://littletonrobotics.org). Follow along with the team's season on social media on Facebook ([Mechanical Advantage](#)), Twitter ([@FRC6328](#)), or Instagram ([@FRC6328](#)).

### **About *FIRST*®**

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