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Jacktown Vectors Receive Gracious Professionalism Award

Jackson, Mich.— The Jackson Area Career Center FIRST Robotics team, the Jacktown Vectors, were the recipients of the Gracious Professionalism Award during the District Competition at Gull Lake.

The award is given based on the overt activities of the team that demonstrate the qualities of Gracious Professionalism as defined by FIRST. Gracious Professionalism is a major tenant of the *FIRST* program competitions, and it represents high-quality work, emphasis on the value of others, and respect of individuals and the community.

“Our team upheld the operating principles of FIRST Robotics and forwarded the message of cooperative competition,” said Bill Farrant, mentor of the Career Center Robotics team. “The Vectors are very happy to have this award and hope to work toward receiving others as well.”

For the Jacktown Vectors, Gracious Professionalism included the Vector’s facilitating other teams in the rebuild and support of their robots and programming as well as assisting competitor’s field robots for competition.

The Vectors reached the semi-final round during the district competitions, while one of the teams the Vectors supported continued on to win the competition. Sponsors of this year’s Career Center FIRST Robotics team include MACI, Pentar Stamping, TLC Eye Care and Laser Centers, ALRO Steel, Consumers Energy, Orbitform Group, Classic Turning, Jackson County Intermediate School District, IPR Robotics, and South Central Michigan Works.

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Photo: *Team photo of the Jacktown Vectors, winners of the Gracious Professionalism Award, at the District-level FIRST Robotics competition held at Gull Lake.*