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Media Release

Glencoe's Team Shockwave Ranked #1 in the Pacific Northwest

A win in Oregon City March 7-8 propels the team to the top spot in the region

March 10 2014, Hillsboro, OR – Glencoe High School's Team Shockwave emerged victorious last weekend, winning the FIRST® Robotics competition in Oregon City March 7-8. Shockwave is now the #1 ranked team in the Pacific Northwest and is ranked #16 in the nation for its Offensive Power rating.

In addition to winning the robot competition against thirty-four other teams, Shockwave also won the #1 Pit Safety Award as well as the FIRST® organization's most prestigious honor, the Chairman's Award for Outstanding Performance and Community Service. This award honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST®. Teams that receive the Chairman's Award not only run a great engineering program, but also engage their community through service and collaboration.

Team Shockwave next competes at the FIRST® Robotics District Competition March 21-22 at Wilsonville High School. The event is free to the public with matches running throughout the day. Shockwave will also compete in the Pacific Northwest FRC® Championship at Portland's Memorial Coliseum April 10-12.

Beyond that, Shockwave has its sights set on attending the FIRST® World Championships in St. Louis, MO, April 23-26. Shockwave has non-profit tax status and is accepting donations to offset travel costs. Please contact business@glencoerobotics.com for more details about making a donation.

See Shockwave's robot in action: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lj6AubTx9M4>

Learn more about the team: <http://glencoerobotics.com> or contact Team Shockwave advisor Chris Steiner at steinerc@hsd.k12.or.us.

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