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Media Release

Glencoe's Team Shockwave Wins Big at FIRST Robotics World Championship

Their performance solidifies the team's claim of being one of the top 25 FRC robotics teams in the world

April 28, 2014, Hillsboro, OR – Glencoe High School's Team Shockwave won big at the FIRST® Robotics World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri, last week (April 23-27), earning a silver medal in the Galileo Division and the #1 Pit Safety Award for the second year in a row. Shockwave was the first Pacific Northwest team in ten years to achieve such a high result.

When asked why Shockwave was so successful, co-captain Hannah Fritsch replied: "Our team is very optimistic, hardworking, and willing to work with other teams. Good teams want to work with us."

Co-captain Steen South reflected on his final year in the program: "I really couldn't have asked for much more in my senior year. We started the season not knowing how well we would do in our second year, but now we're among the top 1% of teams in the world. This is a pretty cool way to leave high school!"

Coaches Chris Steiner and Williane Tenca credit the team's success to the dedication of the 31 students and 15 volunteer mentors who contributed over 3,000 hours of their time to the program, and offer their sincerest thanks to the Hillsboro community for all the support they've enjoyed this season.

See Shockwave's robot in action: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ij6AubTx9M4>

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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