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STUDENT TEAM WINS AWARD AT NATIONAL ROBOTICS COMPETITION

ORANGE, CA (April 25, 2013) – A team of students from Nohl Canyon Elementary School received Best STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Project at the VEX Robotics Competition World Championship in Anaheim last week.

The event was sponsored by The Robotics Education and Competition Foundation and utilized the new VEX IQ robotics system, which allows students to construct custom-designed robots without the use of tools.

Student teams from nine other Orange Unified Schools also participated in the event: Anaheim Hills, California, Cambridge, Crescent, Handy, McPherson, and Panorama Elementary Schools, along with Cerro Villa and Yorba Middle Schools.

The OUSD teams ranged from third to eighth grade students, with three to 40 students on each team. Led by volunteer OUSD teachers, the teams met from January through April. During this time, they built and programmed their robots and completed Engineering Design Notebooks, research projects, and STEM projects that were judged at the event.

The national robotics competition drew 71 student teams from throughout the United States and was held April 18-20 at the Anaheim Convention Center. Teams also participated in a county scrimmage on April 5.

“The kids had a great time and really want to continue to compete next year,” said Chris Tanioka, a teacher at Anaheim Hills Elementary School. “We are excited to start our team preparation over the summer.”

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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