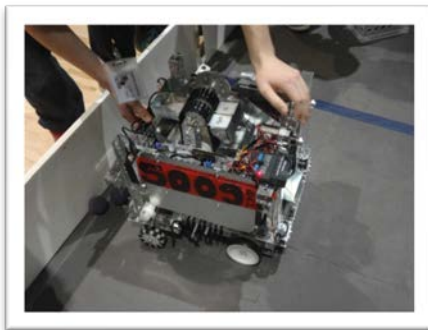


## Maurice-Lavallée robotics team to represent Alberta at world championship!

Edmonton, January 18, 2012 - The robotics team at École Maurice-Lavallée (francophone senior high school in Edmonton) won first place in the provincial competition First Tech Challenge (FTC) in Red Deer on January 14. The 11-member team will represent Alberta at the world championship in St. Louis, April 25-28.



The team won two awards. Firstly, they won the final after playing eight matches against other teams. Points are awarded based on different tasks the robot must perform. Secondly, they won the "Inspire Award" for having built a robot using an ingenious and complex program, for their professionalism and for their support towards other teams.

Since September, the team has been preparing for the competition organized by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) founded in 1989 to develop young people's interest in science and technology. This year, approximately 1,500 teams from around the world are vying to qualify for the World Championships.

Congratulations to team members: Yves Dempsey, Emanuelle Dubbeldam, Sean Fisher, Cameron French, James Hryniw, Alain Letourneau, Nathan Liebrecht, Yannick Plamondon, René Yvan Lucas, Marcel Schneider, Nicholas Westbury and their teacher, Michel Gariépy, accompanied by David Caron and Philippe Manseau.

You can follow the adventures of the team via their website [www.ftc.ml.centrenord.ab.ca](http://www.ftc.ml.centrenord.ab.ca)

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