

John F. Kennedy High School Finds Success at The First Tech Robotics Challenge

This year, John F. Kennedy High School students brought robotics back to JFK. After not participating in robotics since the pandemic, Kennedy students decided to enter THE *FIRST* Tech Challenge.

In their rookie season, JFK Robotics, FTC # 23393, did well enough to qualify for the Northern California Regional competition alongside 47 other teams, vying for one of just 4 coveted spots to represent NorCal at the World Championship tournament. JFK Robotics qualified for regionals after a 1st place win at the Folsom Qualifying tournament.

Although not advancing to Worlds, the JFK squad captured the “Judges’ Choice Rising Star Award,” which recognizes exceptional rookie teams for their unique efforts, performance, or dynamics that merit special recognition. Out of all newcomers, Team 23393 stood out for attributes that promise a bright future for the JFK Robotics Program

In addition, the students earned 2nd Place for their Promote Award, for their success in developing a compelling public video that advocates for celebrating science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in our schools.

While the 2023/2024 season has concluded, the passion for robotics at JFK continues to build. This founding team of enthusiastic rookies gained invaluable experience and accolades during their season. Their early success lays the foundations for Kennedy High to reestablish itself as a robotics powerhouse in future years.

We commend the students on Team 23393 for proudly representing JFK and SCUSD. These students exemplify what it means to persevere through challenges, work collaboratively toward common goals, and continuous learning.

