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Team 254 Wins San Francisco & Silicon Valley Regionals

10 April, 2019 – San Jose, CA – Team 254: The Cheesy Poofs, based out of Bellarmine College Preparatory, recently competed in both the San Francisco and Silicon Valley Regionals, wherein they accumulated an official competitive record of 30-1-1 and received a total of four awards over the span of the two events. The team also plans to attend the 2019 Houston Championship in late April.

San Francisco Regional

After the conclusion of qualification matches, Team 254 had a record of 9-1-1 and was ranked third overall. During alliance selection, Team 971: Spartan Robotics (Mountain View, Mountain View High School) invited Team 254 and Team 5700: The SOTA Cyberdragons (San Francisco, Ruth Asawa School of the Arts) to form an alliance. The alliance went undefeated throughout eliminations, ultimately winning the event after an intense set of finals matches with Team 649: M-SET Fish (Saratoga, Saratoga High School), Team 5499: The Bay Orangutans (Berkeley, Community Team), and Team 4159: CardinalBotics (San Francisco, Lowell High School). Overall, Team 254 ended the event with a record of 15-1-1, and was awarded the Regional Winner and Innovation and Control Awards.



Silicon Valley Regional

Following the end of 89th qualification match, Team 254 had amassed an undefeated record of 9-0-0 and placed second overall. Next, Team 254 invited Team 5499: The Bay Orangutans and Team 6418: The Missfits (San Francisco, Community Team) to form the second seed alliance. Finally, the team went undefeated in eliminations yet again, prevailing over Team 604: Quixilver (San Jose, Leland High School), Team 972: Iron Claw (Los Gatos, Los Gatos High School), and Team 7308: DeepVision (Los Altos, Community Team) in an extraordinary set of finals matches. In the end, Team 254 finished with an official tournament record of 15-0-0, and was awarded the Regional Winner and Excellence in Engineering Awards.



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About Team 254

Team 254 was founded in 1998 by NASA engineers Dave Lavery and Mark Leon and has since grown from one of the smallest programs in the country at a struggling high school to a large, multifaceted organization. Based out of Bellarmine College Preparatory, the team is composed of over 150 high school students and is advised by twenty-nine mentors, twenty-seven of whom are industry mentors that work at companies such as Apple, Google, Auris, and Surgical Intuitive. Every year, Team 254 participates in both the *FIRST* Robotics Competition and VEX Robotics Competition. Since the program's inception, Team 254 has won thirty-eight regional events as well as the World Championship in 2011, 2014, 2017, and 2018. In addition to these awards, Team 254 was decorated with the Chairman's Award, *FIRST*'s most prestigious award, in 2004 and has since been inducted into the FRC Hall of Fame.