

S.P.A.M. Robotics Wins South Florida FIRST Robotics Regional Competition

Congratulations to the Martin County School District's *S.P.A.M. Robotics* team for winning the *South Florida FIRST Robotics Regional Competition*. The competition took place March 28th-30th at the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center and included 46 teams. It was the second year this regional tournament has taken place and the second time S.P.A.M. has won it!

The *S.P.A.M. Robotics* team includes students from each of the District's four high schools. As part of the competition, each team designs and builds its own robot to meet specific criteria and perform pre-determined functions. Among the things this year's robot can do...shoot Frisbees!

"It was déjà vu of 2012 watching the team working together and bringing home the gold for the second year in a row. I am even more proud of the demonstrations of gracious professionalism being exhibited by S.P.A.M. helping those teams that are less fortunate or less experienced achieve their goals," said S.P.A.M. Team Leader and Board President Rich Brooks.

Now, *S.P.A.M. Robotics* is setting its sights on the World Championship competition, which takes place April 24th-27th in St. Louis, Missouri! *S.P.A.M. Robotics* will be defending its World Championship title, hoping to win the international competition for a second year in a row.

"We are all so excited for the S.P.A.M. team! These talented and innovative students have truly put Martin County on the map for robotics and engineering. We wish them the absolute best as they prepare for the World Championships," said Superintendent Laurie J. Gaylord.



Pictured above: The S.P.A.M. Robotics Team's robot named "Chomper."