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SHS Tech Competes in BEST Competition at Opelika High School

SHS Tech, the robotics team at Springwood School, participates annually in a national robotics competition sponsored by BEST (Boosting Engineering in Science and Technology) Robotics. The competition requires that each student team build a robot designed to complete a specific task.

When the BEST challenge was announced this year, SHS Tech began a thorough brainstorming process that involved participation from all team members. Through this process, the students developed an effective robot design that met the requirements and supported the team's chosen game strategy. This year's BEST competition involved researching the complications of safely and efficiently transporting windmills. Springwood's Robotics Team participated in competition on October 11 at Opelika High School.

The Springwood team performed very well in the competition and it was an exciting day for SHS Tech. The team received a number of awards: 2nd Place Marketing Booth and team interview, 2nd Place Most Robust Robot (least repairs needed), 3rd Place Most Elegant (performed the task most efficiently), and 3rd Place BEST Overall AWARD meaning that they were 3rd best overall of the 23 competing teams in our area.

SHS Tech team members include Emily Galishoff (CEO), Catherine McClendon (Marketing Manager), Timothy Hereford (Tech Manager), Smith Collins (Robot Design Manager), Anna Butts (Business Manager), Chris Caldwell (Game Field Manager), Tanner Martin (Head of Game Rules) Garrett Harmon, Marry Ann He, Merquides Mclellan, Nut Mungcharoenpron, Jordan Self, Terrance Thomas, Rosie Truong, Hannah Hamilton, Beth Moore, Lauren Terry, Hunter Brawner, Simon He, Case Hoiness, Venu Reddy, Elizabeth McClendon, Abby Alford, Johnathon Caldwell, Anica Choi, Peter Kambeitz, Ananth Reddy, Thomas Beall, Fisher Brawner, Nathan Clark, Charles Cowart, Nick Harmon, Cole Hoiness, Anthony Lowe, Mitchum Smith, and Paige Albertson. The team is pictured below at the BEST Competition at Opelika High School.

