

## Meet the Rookies of 2007!

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### All Rookie Meet and Greet

**Who's Invited:** All 2007 Rookie Teams!! (and any veterans that want to meet this year's great rookie teams!)

**When:** Thursday, April 12, 12:30pm (following webhug)

**Where:** Lawn under the photo banner in the Courtyard

**What's Happening:** Fun Introduction Game, Distribution of Great Rookie packets with tons of information on Atlanta & your upcoming years, Meet & Greet other Rookie Teams! Find out what it took for them to get to Atlanta!

**Bonuses!:** Free Prizes for Rookies!! Group Photo of all Rookie Teams (emailed to you!!), Rookie Summary Booklet - get some great info on all the Rookies at Championships!

### Rah Cha Cha Ruckus III (RCCR 2007)



Going to be in the Rochester Area around Halloween? Don't know what to do with your Rack and Roll 'bot? How about joining the off-season party? Not only do you get to compete in a competition put together by a great committee, but you also get to have a great time! You can even come in costume, so can your robot!

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This information was gathered and organized by Team 1511, Rolling Thunder, from USFIRST.org, Chief Delphi Forums, Team Websites and local news reports. Care has been taken to be as accurate as possible. Since all of our summaries are intended to be positive, it is hard to go wrong. However, if we did, we humbly apologize!

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During the 2007 competitive season, 261 rookie teams participated in 37 Regional Competitions (including a pilot in Brazil). All of the 261 Rookie Teams are winners, and we applaud their efforts and their accomplishments!

But, not all Rookie Teams can make it to the FIRST Championship... We hope you will agree that the 42 Rookie Teams competing this week in Atlanta represent the "Best of the Best"! To help you get to know them we have prepared this overview of each of the Rookie Teams.

These teams:

Competed at 49 Regional competitions

Received 36 Rookie All Star Awards

2 Rookie Inspiration Awards

13 Highest Rookie Seeds

They also picked up awards for imagery, creativity, technology, website, and innovation in control. Wow!

These teams:

Were alliance partners in 28 quarterfinal rounds, (sometimes as captains)

With 17 making it to the semi-finals,

10 moving on to the finals,

and 8 teams were Regional Champions!

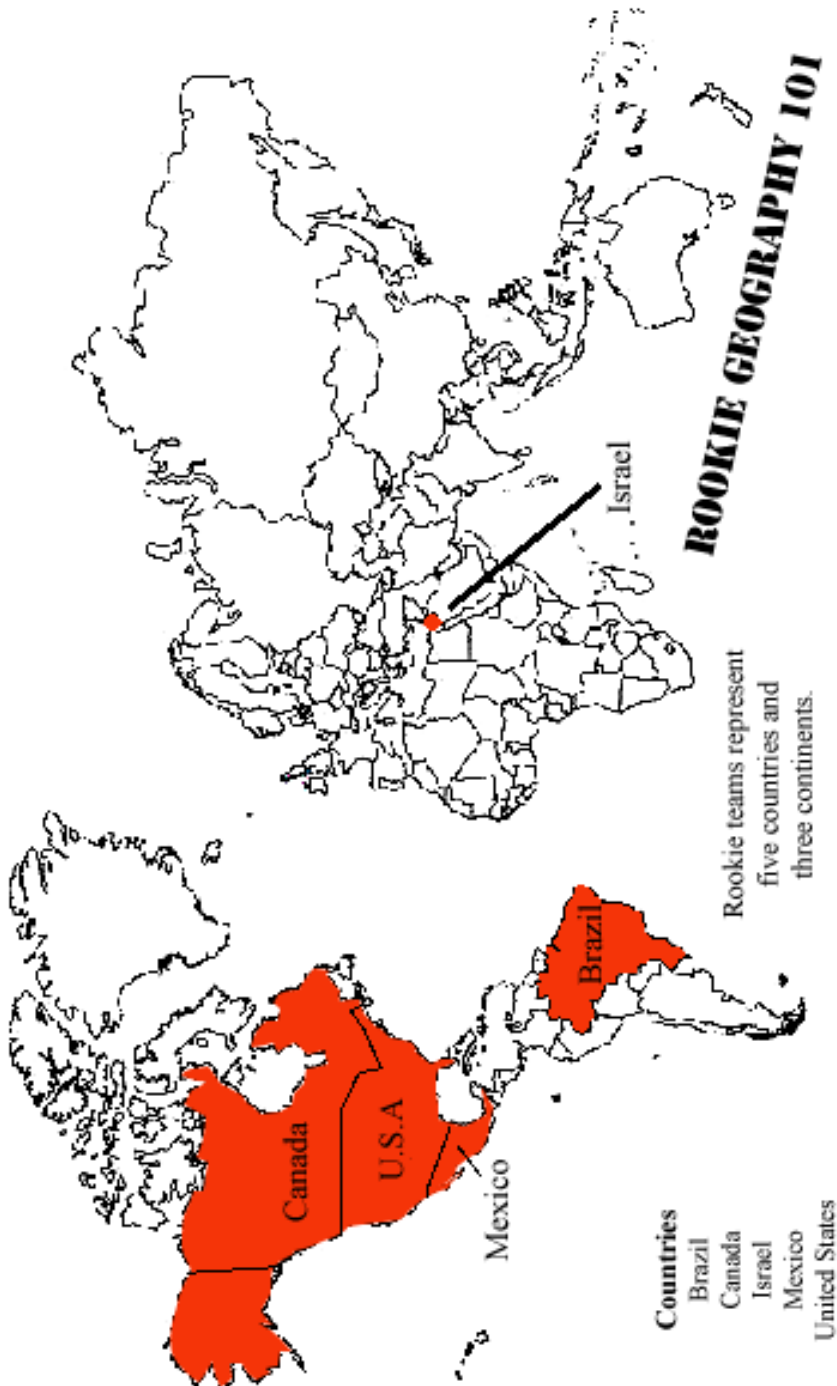
They have met all the challenges, some with surprising ease and some with great grit and determination. They have done Dean's Homework, formed partnerships with their schools, mentors, and communities and learned the meaning of Gracious Professionalism.

They have come to regional competitions with robots that performed, strategies that worked, spirit that shined, unique imagery, awesome technology and savvy well beyond their rookie year. We are awed by their achievements! Welcome to the FIRST Championship!

Thanks to all the teams for welcoming the rookies, sharing ideas, tools, and expertise to make sure that they had a great first year. Thanks for picking them up when they fell, treating them gently when they were bruised and considering them as equals in competition! You make great role models!

From rookie team and veteran team alike, thanks to our schools and our communities and most of all our sponsors for their support and financial backing. We thank our teachers, advisors, and parents for teaching, advising, and giving us the opportunity to let us test our wings. We thank our mentors for giving up all of their free time to guide us, design with us, build with us, push us, and inspire us. Rookies – we expect great things from you! And we know you will continue to amaze us in the years to come! Let's Rack and Roll!

## 2007 Rookie Factoids



- Northern Domination!**  
 One rookie year, two regionals, two gold metals! With an unsurpassed 2007 rookie record, Team 2056, the OP Patriots won both Canadian Regionals and finished as the top seed at the Greater Toronto Regional. You can see the team in action on the Galileo field!
- Give me an F, give me an I, give me an R-S-T!**  
 Two rookie teams are so well supported by their schools that the HS Cheerleaders came and cheered at their regionals. Both the Cougar Techs, Team 2228, and Falcon Robotics, Team 2029, were given that spirit boost at their local regionals. Many veteran teams could only hope for that kind of support and recognition!
- Representing! (a Whole State Or Country)**  
 Representing Mexico is Team 2283, Pantaras. They are not taking this role lightly, and have a goal to spread FIRST in Mexico to help prepare teenagers for the future. To do this they held a press conference that included national media. Alone in representing the 50<sup>th</sup> state is Team 2024, Kekoa O'Ha'aheo. This team can legitimately wear Hawaiian print shirts. With the support of the Governor, Linda Lingle, they have arrived in Atlanta. Hawaii is also going to host its own regional next year! Buenos Dias and Aloha!
- The Most Popular Name is...**  
 For the second year in a row, the most popular Atlanta Bound rookie team name is Robocat! Adding to the Robocat tradition is Team 2137 from Oxford, Michigan, and (according to their website) Team 2161 from Huntington Station, NY. At their regional Team 2261 was identified as the Whitman Wildcats. Will they break from the Robocat tradition?
- Missing the Action**  
 In addition to the amazing rookies at the Championships, three other rookie teams qualified, but were unable to be here to compete. We wanted to take a moment to recognize the Rookie All Star winning Team 2159, from San Leandro, CA, USA; the Brazil Pilot Regional winner Team 2243, FundaÃ§Ã£o Bradesco who also won the Daimler Chrysler Team Spirit Award; and Engineering Inspiration Award Winner, Team 2244, Free Access Evolution, from Brazil who also won the Industrial Safety Award.

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<b>1983 "Skunkworks"</b>	Newton
<p>Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace/Aerospace Futures Alliance/M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust/AHS PTSA &amp; Aviation High School, Seattle, WA, USA</p> <p>Las Vegas Regional: Regional Winner, Rookie All Star; Pacific Northwest Regional: Imagery</p> <p>With homage to a Lockheed Martin high-tech aerospace group of the same name, "Skunkworks" has already defined their image with white and black shirts and a skunk mascot. A team of 20, they are one of the few teams that uses the slot to feed ringers to their robot.</p>	
<b>1985 "Robohawks"</b>	Newton
<p>NASA / Emerson / DRS / UGS &amp; Hazelwood Central High School, Florissant, MO, USA</p> <p>St. Louis Regional: Rookie All Star; Boilermaker: Delphi "Driving Tomorrow's Technology"</p> <p>The Robohawks have a highly attractive website which includes a link to an animation of their Award winning ramp. The team started off their rookie year by forming three VEX teams with good success in the FVC Challenge.</p>	
<b>1991 "Dragons"</b>	Galileo
<p>NASA / University of Hartford / Hartford Public Schools / Integralis &amp; University High School of Science and Engineering &amp; American School for the Deaf, Hartford, CT, USA</p> <p>BAE SYSTEMS Granite State Regional: Rookie All Star, Highest Rookie Seed</p> <p>A collaboration of two unique schools in Connecticut, The Dragon had a lasting impact on their regional with the silent (sign language) applause. Their website includes a unique description of the team development and robot build through the thoughts of the robot, "Wiki the Dragon."</p>	
<b>1997 "Team STAG"</b>	Archimedes
<p>Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation &amp; Bishop Miege High School, Roeland Park, KS, USA</p> <p>Greater Kansas City Regional: Regional Winner</p> <p>Team STAG whose name creatively stands for Science &amp; Technology Advancing Garishly, was a Kansas City regional winner with teams 1775 and 935. Their preseason activities included cleaning and setting up space in an old unused school building for their build shop, laboratory and practice area.</p>	
<b>2010 "Champion High Lightning Bots"</b>	Curie
<p>Delphi Corporation/NASA &amp; Champion High School, Warren, OH, USA</p> <p>Pittsburgh Regional: Rookie All Star; Buckeye: Highest Rookie Seed</p> <p>The newest Delphi sponsored team, the Champion High School Lightning Bots are already making a name for themselves. With a focus on safety they have introduced their "Safety Trooper." In addition to two rookie awards the team has received a "coolest mascot" award from Team 63.</p>	
<b>2016 "Mu Mu Psi" "Mighty Monkey Wrenches"</b>	Newton
<p>Johnson &amp; Johnson Consumer Products Worldwide / NASA / Janssen Pharmaceutica / Wachovia Financial / Alpha Automation &amp; Ewing High School, Ewing, NJ, USA</p> <p>New Jersey Regional: Rookie All Star</p> <p>With a scary yet friendly Gorilla mascot, Mu Mu Psi (MMΨ) stood tall at its regional. The teams robot made its debut at its sponsor's with mentor Team 75, is capable of scoring rings as well as climbing ramps.</p>	

<b>2180 "Zero Gravity"</b>	Archimedes
<p>NASA / Sun Chemical Corporation / Reliable Plastics / Computer Vision Technology, Inc / Anchor Appliance / Special Technical Services &amp; Hamilton High School East- Steinert, Hamilton, NJ, USA</p> <p>New Jersey Regional: Highest Rookie Seed</p> <p>Competing in both FRC and FVC here in Atlanta after winning the FVC Inspiration Award, Zero Gravity's robot "Ares," the Greek God of War, did amazing at their regional but it was their sportsmanship in leading the cheers for their cross-town rival that touched their mentors.</p>	
<b>2182 "Slidell Robotics -Tyborgs"</b>	Newton
<p>NASA / Chalmette Refining &amp; Slidell High School &amp; St. Tammany Parish Public Schools, Slidell, LA, USA</p> <p>Bayou Regional: Rookie All Star, Highest Rookie Seed</p> <p>With a techno-battle ready version of their school's tiger mascot, the "Tyborgs" lower row scoring, defensive, double ramp bot is an ideal machine and is ready to play, living up to the motto, "Resistance is Futile!" And watch out for the ringer scoring human player!</p>	
<b>2194 "Fondy Fire"</b>	Newton
<p>Mercury Marine/NASA/Brenner Tank &amp; Moraine Park Technical College, Fond du Lac, WI, USA</p> <p>Wisconsin Regional: Regional Winner, Imagery</p> <p>"Fondy Fire" is a three-school team who made their city take notice by combining cross-town rivals in a spirit of cooperation rather than competition. Forming an alliance partnership with Team 2169 and 537, the robot, "Inferno," and the team became regional winners. This on-fire team is shapping the future through Fondy Heat Junior Robotics.</p>	
<b>2217 "FOMH"</b>	Newton
<p>Kiryat Motzkin High School, Kiryat Motzkin, Northern, Israel</p> <p>GM/Technion Israel Regional: Rookie All Star, Rockwell Automation Innovation in Control</p> <p>FOMH (First Ort Motzkin Hamlet) did Dean's Homework, in Hebrew of course! Coming from one of the largest technology schools in Israel, they have formed Channel 2217 to broadcast FIRST in their region through video clips and innovative shows.</p>	
<b>2228 "Cougar Tech"</b>	Galileo
<p>Alstom / Senator Volker / Icuiti / n-tara / Southco / Kirkwood Oil / Crossbridge Financial / Dr. Cheryl Kelley / Smidgens &amp; Honeoye Falls, Honeoye Falls, NY, USA</p> <p>Finger Lakes Regional: Rookie All Star, Highest Rookie Seed</p> <p>This radioactive team cut their teeth at the "Rah Cha Cha Ruckus" in the pre-season. Already a large team of 40 students, "Cougar Tech" took advantage of a t-shirt printing snafu to expand their sea of black and yellow into an ocean. Go quick and trade for a cool robotic pen!</p>	
<b>2234 "EA Robotics"</b>	Archimedes
<p>The Edmar Abrasive Company / RADCorp / Internet Capital Group / North American Machine Works &amp; The Episcopal Academy, Merion, PA, USA</p> <p>Chesapeake Regional: Rookie All Star, Highest Rookie Seed</p> <p>Paying attention to the details of the competition, this small team borrowed a robot for two off-season events before building their ramp-bot, "Lenny the Robot," which saw semi-final action. With a multi-media website, they have convinced their school to recognize robotics as a sport!</p>	

<b>2054 "Viking Robotics"</b>	Curie
Williams Tooling & Hopkins High School, Hopkins, MI, USA West Michigan Regional: Rookie All Star	
Showing "Brains, Ingenuity and Guts," the robot, BIG Blue from Viking Robotics made a BIG impression on the veteran teams at its regional. The team stood out for their optimism during the competition.	
<b>2056 "OP Patriots"</b>	Galileo
Edson Packaging Machinery/RMT Robotics/CNC Woodcraft & HWDSB & Orchard Park Secondary School, Stoney Creek, ON, Canada Waterloo Regional: Rookie All Star, Regional Winner, Highest Rookie Seed; Greater Toronto Regional: Regional Winner, Highest Rookie Seed	
With an off-season start at "Winter Wonderland," the OP Patriots have achieved their school's motto - Nos Metiamur "We measure up". The winning robot has a tube gripping arm.	
<b>2062 "C.O.R.E."</b>	Archimedes
NASA/GE Volunteers & School District of Waukesha, Waukesha, WI, USA Wisconsin Regional: Rookie All Star	
The students of CORE (Community of Robotics Engineers) come from three diverse high schools considered cross-town rivals. They had to work as one team to build their robot, "Atlas," a great defensive robot with easy to climb scissor-lift ramps.	
<b>2067 "Apple Pi"</b>	Curie
NASA & Guilford High School, Guilford, CT, USA UTC Connecticut Regional: Rookie All Star	
After having a great time at "Bash on the Beach," Apple Pi used VEX to prototype robot building and held a pit crew team building exercise in November. As a unique fund raiser, they are offering team personalized USB drives from a link on their website.	
<b>2068 "OPHS Metal Jackets"</b>	Newton
NASA / BAE Systems / Lockheed Martin / Progeny Systems & Osbourn Park High School, Manassas, VA, USA NASA / VCU Regional: Rookie All Star, Highest Rookie Seed, Website Award	
As defenders of the hive, the "Metal Jackets" worked hard this year to build a robot and a long term program at their school. They are spreading FIRST in their community and with younger students. Watch out for their robot "Stinger," an effective lower row scoring ramp bot.	
<b>2079 "ALARM"</b>	Galileo
ALARM Millis High School, Millis, MA, USA Boston Regional: Rookie All Star	
As a top -ten tube scorer in Boston, ALARM and their cheesy looking robot, "Jaws," finished as the number two seed at their regional. The robot was built in a team member's garage where the students learned the ins and outs of their machine. Check out their team display in their pit.	

<b>2081 "Icarus"</b>	Archimedes
NASA/Advanced Technology Services & Peoria Notre Dame High School, Peoria, IL, USA Boilermaker Regional: Rookie All Star	
"Icarus" started their year with mentor-led engineering classes followed by VEX robot building. They are mentoring five FLL teams and have a great website. Recently they visited the Caterpillar plant to see a demo of the fully automated SUV.	
<b>2083 "Team BLITZ"</b>	Newton
NASA / Sanders Sound Systems & Team BLITZ Home School & Conifer High School, Conifer, CO, USA Colorado Regional: Rookie All Star, Regional Finalist	
Team Blitz can showcase the impact of FLL as its founding members were FLL competetors with a motto to "Brainstorm, Build, Believe and Be the Future," they are competing in FVC and FRC and are building a network for the Colorado 285 Corridor Communities.	
<b>2100 "Masters of M.E.T.A.L."</b>	Curie
C&L Technologies / Ross Mixing, Inc. / Ed's Painting and Paperhanging & St. Lucie West Centennial High School, Port St. Lucie, FL, USA Florida Regional: Rookie All Star, Highest Rookie Seed	
The Masters of Metal or M <sup>2</sup> have a website that shows the collaboration of their schools web design class and robotics team. It includes a history timeline of robotics. Their robot performed well at their regional.	
<b>2108 "Team Awkward Turtle"</b>	Newton
NASA / Qimonda / GSK / GE / ASME & Green Hope High School, Cary, NC, USA NASA / VCU Regional: Regional Winner, Rookie Inspiration	
Fear the Turtle! This is very difficult to do with the adorable logo of "Team Awkward Turtle." But "Zippy T. Turtle" should be feared, as it is a double lifting ramp bot with amazing pushing power and won its regional along with teams 540 and 843.	
<b>2119 "W.A.R."</b>	Galileo
NASA/Southern Engineering Services & Creekview High School & Sequoyah High School, Canton, GA, USA Peachtree Regional: Rookie All Star, Regional Finalist, Highest Rookie Seed	
With students coming from two schools, W.A.R. was excited to be a NASA Grant recipient. They were mentored by Forsyth Alliance, and had a chance to try out their robot at a preship rally which paid off when they made it into the finals!	
<b>2134 "Aztecs"</b>	Archimedes
Corona del Sol High School, Tempe, AZ, USA Arizona Regional: Rookie All Star	
Members of a Future Engineers Club, the Aztecs gave their robot "Aztecbot" a stiff PVC arm which is controlled by a bicycle wheel. The team has the motto "Strive for the Best" and they proved it works at their regional.	

<b>2137 "Robocats"</b>	Curie
<p>NASA / Mich. Dept. of Educ. / Delta Technologies Group &amp; Oxford High School, Oxford, MI, USA</p> <p>Great Lakes Regional: Rookie All Star</p> <p>Oxford Robotics built at Delta Technology where they learned to use all the tools and machines, building a portable cart in addition to the robot. Used unique fund raisers - chocolate covered food - yum!</p>	
<b>2158 "AustIN CANS"</b>	Galileo
<p>National Instruments &amp; Houston Robotics/University of Texas at Austin &amp; Anderson High School, Austin, TX, USA</p> <p>Lone Star Regional: Rookie All Star</p> <p>The AustIN CANS hosted a mini-meet prior to ship and have formed FIRSTAustin, a collaboration with UT - Austin to become the catalyst for FIRST in Austin, Texas. With an enthusiastic Tin Man Mascot, and the Tin Man robot, the AustIN CANS are living up to their motto - One Can at a Time!</p>	
<b>2161 "Robocats"</b>	Archimedes
<p>PM Engineering / Lend America / MSC Industrial Direct Co, Inc. / NASA &amp; Walt Whitman High School, Huntington Station, NY, USA</p> <p>SBPLI Long Island Regional: Rookie All Star, Highest Rookie Seed</p> <p>The Robocats added to their first year in FRC by competing at FVC and placing second. Their website sponsors page reads like a credit card commercial, "real life engineering experience - priceless".</p>	
<b>2165 "Big Blue"</b>	Curie
<p>NASA / Conoco Phillips / ARVEST Bank / Bartlesville Rotary Club / ABB Automation, Inc. &amp; Tri County Technology Center, Bartlesville, OK, USA</p> <p>Greater Kansas City Regional: Rookie All Star, Regional Finalist</p> <p>"Big Blue" rallied the resources at TriCounty to build its crate, paint the robot and provide marketing support. They hosted a FIRST Media Day which was attended by a State Rep. and a Senator. A top three scorer at Kansas City they consistently placed 4 ringers on the lower rack.</p>	
<b>2166 "Appleby Robotics (STAR)"</b>	Curie
<p>Anonymous / Extrude's-A-Trim / University of Toronto / MDA Robotics / Kawasaki Robotics / ABELSoft Corporation / BeX Spray Nozzles / IMAX Incorporated &amp; Appleby College (High School), Oakville, ON, Canada</p> <p>Greater Toronto Regional: Rookie All Star</p> <p>The twenty members of Apple by Robotics (STAR) have posted video updates on their website from their regional where their robot "Double Blue Bot," saw quarterfinal action. The team performed with excellence and made their mentors proud!</p>	
<b>2169 "KING TeC"</b>	Galileo
<p>Prior Lake High School, Savage, MN, USA</p> <p>Wisconsin Regional: Regional Winner</p> <p>Testing their robot during lunch periods, King TeC perfected their defensive strategy which was tested when they became Captains for the regional winning alliance which included 2194 and 537. Their ramp bot can lift two robots the full 12 inches.</p>	

<b>2024 "Kekoa O'Ha'aheo"</b>	Galileo
<p>Caltech Submillimeter Telescope/HELCO &amp; Waiakea High School, Hilo, HI, USA</p> <p>Silicon Valley Regional: Rookie All Star</p> <p>Kekoa O'Ha'aheo's team name means Warrior Pride, based on their schools warrior mascot. They have named their robot "Stitch 3," a ringer scoring robot. The Governor's office provided assistance in finding sponsors for the trip to Atlanta. They are the furthest away of the US teams.</p>	
<b>2026 "Senai-RS"</b>	Galileo
<p>SENAI-RS &amp; SENAI-RS Educacao Professional High School, Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil</p> <p>Brazil Pilot: Rookie All Star</p> <p>Brush up on your Portuguese and welcome the Rookie from Brazil. In addition to building their robot, "Tony Faith," they have been starting workshops on using the tools and machines for other team so that they can learn from their experiences.</p>	
<b>2029 "Falcon Robotics"</b>	Archimedes
<p>NASA / Qualcomm / Sony &amp; Sun Valley Charter High School, Ramona, CA, USA</p> <p>Los Angeles Regional: Participant; San Diego Regional: Rookie All Star</p> <p>With their school competing both in BotBall and FRC, Falcon Robotics has great school support with other school groups assisting in their fund raising. You'll recognize their very hole-y robot who is appropriately named "Swiss Cheese."</p>	
<b>2046 "Tahoma Robotics (TRC)"</b>	Curie
<p>NASA &amp; Tahoma Senior High School, Covington, WA, USA</p> <p>Pacific Northwest Regional: Rookie All Star</p> <p>The Tahoma Robotics Club (TRC) has alliance captain experience from their regional. Their robot is capable of scoring in Autonomous Mode. The team was recognized for its effective robot design, professional behavior and student-led team structure.</p>	
<b>2047 "Team Challenger"</b>	Newton
<p>Motorola Inc. / Motorola Foundation / After School Matters City of Chicago / NASA / Neighborhood Boys &amp; Girls clubs / Acme Networking &amp; Whitney Young Magnet High School &amp; Lane Tech High School, Chicago, IL, USA</p> <p>Wisconsin Regional: Xerox Creativity; Midwest Regional: Rookie All Star</p> <p>"Team Challenger" has 25 members from five different schools. In the fall they practiced their engineering skills by building "D" Class Rockets. Their robot, "Lola" - the nickname for "Moto-Lola" has a holonomic drive and can spin and move in any direction.</p>	
<b>2053 "TigerTronics"</b>	Archimedes
<p>BAE Systems &amp; Union-Endicott High School, Endicott, NY, USA</p> <p>Philadelphia Regional: Rookie All Star Highest Rookie Seed</p> <p>A small but dedicated team, "TigerTronics" has had great success in forming partnerships with their school and mentors. They are hoping to make robotics a permanent club at their high school. Watch for the new Tiger in town.</p>	

<p align="center"><b>2237 "Junkyard Robo's"</b> Galileo</p> <p>Academy of Careers and Technology/Kevin's Electronics/Precision Electric Inc., Beckley, WV, USA</p> <p>Pittsburgh Regional: Rookie Inspiration; Palmetto Regional: Rookie All Star, Highest Rookie Seed</p> <p>With members from several schools in their Raleigh, West Virginia county, the "Junkyard Robo's" have won all three Rookie Awards. Their robot the "Junkyard Bot" showed dramatic improvement at their second regional and saw semifinal action.</p>
<p align="center"><b>2252 "Mavericks"</b> Curie</p> <p>Sierra Lobo, Inc./Work Force Development Council Tech Prep Consortium/Bowling Green State University &amp; EHOVE Career Center, Milan, OH, USA</p> <p>Buckeye Regional: Rookie All Star</p> <p>From a school of juniors and seniors only the "Mavericks" have a robot with a clamshell gripper with a pneumatic piston. Their sponsor / mentor, Sierra Lobo ran the machine shop at the Buckeye Regional. During the FIRST off-season, the school also competes in BEST.</p>
<p align="center"><b>2265 "Iron Maidens (Fe<sup>26</sup>)"</b> Newton</p> <p>Mr. Barry Weinberg &amp; The Bronx High School of Science, Bronx, NY, USA</p> <p>New York City Regional: Rookie All Star</p> <p>"Talk Nerdy to Us". The Iron Maidens, an all female team was mentored by several teams as they riveted into a strong team. Along with building "Rosie the Riveted" with its highly visible purple bumpers, the Iron Maidens have been involved in school and community service.</p>
<p align="center"><b>2272 "Metalheads"</b> Galileo</p> <p>ITT Technical Institute / Haas Automation &amp; Newbury Park High School &amp; Thousand Oaks High School, Thousand Oaks, CA, USA</p> <p>Los Angeles Regional: Rookie All Star, Highest Rookie Seed</p> <p>Standing out with their red bandannas and skulls, the "Metalheads" are a two-team school that is all about teamwork. They practiced with VEX and Mindstorm kits and held mini competitions within the team before building their robot, the "Mighty Thor".</p>
<p align="center"><b>2274 "Blazing Phoenix"</b> Archimedes</p> <p>Con Edison &amp; Fordham Leadership Academy High School, Bronx, NY, USA</p> <p>New York City Regional: Regional Winner</p> <p>With one of the most creative alliance acceptance speeches, "Blazing Phoenix" became part of the NYC Regional winning Alliance with teams 1302 and 354. This team was recognized as having one of the most innovative ramps this year. Ask them about the "mousie" in their robot's belly that lets the ramp sit squarely on the ground!!</p>
<p align="center"><b>2283 "Pantaras"</b> Curie</p> <p>GM Mexico / Universidad Panamericana Preparatoria / Explora Descubre y Crea A.C., Mexico City, DF, Mexico</p> <p>Detroit Regional: Rookie All Star</p> <p>Say hola to Pantaras, the team from Mexico. Pantaras entered late into the season but came out in front with an All Star Award in Detroit. Their robot TLACOYO saw quarter final action and is inspired by the way a tank moves</p>

