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**Max Hayes Team Going To Robotics World Championship**

A team of four students from Max Hayes High School in conjunction with the Youth Technology Academy of Cuyahoga Community College has qualified for the Vex Robotics World Championship in Orlando Florida. The team will be going April 14-16 for the three day competition thanks to a grant from the Third Federal Savings & Loan Foundation that covered the students' and advisor's costs for attending the event. The complete team is comprised of Alec Peck, Dawan Shabazz, Dale Clevinger, and Dennis May.

Kurt Karakul of Third Federal will present the grant check to Lee Browning, robotics team advisor, at a presentation April 7, 2011 at 2:30 in Room 231 at Max Hayes High School. The team will be there to give a demonstration and answer questions.

These students were recently part of the winning alliance at the Vex Regional Qualifying Tournament at the CSU Wolstein Center on Saturday March 5, 2011. A total of 33 teams from Ohio and Pennsylvania competed for a chance to advance to the World Championships. Two teams from Max Hayes advanced through the playoffs, and team 1270A, with team members Alec Peck and Dawan Shabazz ultimately won the overall competition with strong support from alliance partner Team 1103.

A second Max Hayes Team was recognized with the Sportsmanship award, presented to a team that has earned the respect and admiration of the volunteers and other teams at the event. This team is a model for all to follow and interacts with everyone in a positive, respectful manner in the spirit of friendly competition and cooperation. This award is judged during the event by teams, referees and volunteers.

Previously, two Max Hayes 1270 teams reached the finals at the Vex Interschool Robotics Tournament held at TRI-C on December 15, 2010. Team 1270A won the event, and Team 1270 D placed second. These two teams have combined to contend for this year's World Championship.

The public can view the robot and watch the Max Hayes Robotics team perform at the Manufacturing Matters Showcase, May 12 at the Cleveland I-X Center. For more information, please call Julie King at 216.588.1438 or email [jking@wire-net.org](mailto:jking@wire-net.org).

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