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# MORT in a Minute

The Team Newsletter of Mt. Olive Robotics Team 11



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First we will be Best, Then we will be First!

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## 2007 NJ State Tournament:

On Saturday, December 8, 2007, Mount Olive Robotics Team (MORT) welcomed 48 FLL teams from around the state to participate in our Lego League Tournament. In addition, 10 Junior Lego League teams competed in their own tournament.



This year's event was staged differently than in the past. With the completion of the school renovations, the pits were moved to the new commons area so the entire gym was used for the robot performance rounds. The day began with teams doing their presentations in the 3 areas. Opening ceremonies were held right after lunch and right before the robot performance rounds started. Our School Vice-Principal, Mr. Jim Kramer and Town Councilman Russ Tepper welcomed the participants to Mt. Olive. Following this we had a special invited guest, Mr. Jim Utaski, Vice Chairman of FIRST, who spoke to all the students in attendance and told them to continue their dedication to the future of science and technology, then he cut the "ribbon" to begin the event.

Over 40 judges challenged the students in various skills. The judges, from Jersey City Board of Education, New Jersey City University, mentors from numerous FRC teams, and some local business executives created this group of scoring experts. MORT team members helped with the referring, planning, and setup & cleanup of this event. The success of this event is based on the commitment and devotion of our team members towards FIRST. FIRST has engaged the minds and spirits of hundreds of students at this event. Mount Olive School District is very proud of their students who worked so hard to make this event a huge success!

### **State Tournament Award Winners:**

#### **Champion's Award Winner**

2254 -Landroids

#### **Performance Award Winner**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 19 - Built on the Rock

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 2254 - Landroids

#### **Robot Design Winner**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 6496 - Gears

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 2668 - Renewable Robot Rangers

#### **Research Award Winner**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 1982 - Conti Cougars

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 5593 - Nano Gurus

#### **Teamwork Award Winner**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 5121 - Challengers

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 1632 - Say Watt?



**Champions Award Winner:**

2254 Landroids

event of their own. This group of 6-9 year olds impressed the judges with their knowledge of the research topic for this year. Each team received a trophy and each child received a certificate for their participation in this exciting event.



From left to right  
 John Yeh (Head Coach), Stanley Cheung (Team Manager), Jeffrey Dong, Zach Katz, Karlin Yeh (Team Captain), Jonathan Chen, Gage Farestad, Gregory Vuong, and Pearl Hwang (Project Coach).

In the afternoon, 10 Junior FIRST Lego League (JFLL) Teams from around the state came to participate in their competition. These teams were directed to the library where they had an exciting

