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“FINAL CUT” SLASHES COMPETITION FOR NATIONAL ROBOTICS LEAGUE TITLE

High-Tech Skills on Display as Student-Made Robots Go to War

Cleveland, OH: Fierce competition, metal crunching and sparks flying were the highlights as 51 student teams from 33 schools battled at the 2014 National Robotics League (NRL) Championships, held at the Lou Higgins Center at Baldwin Wallace University in Cleveland, OH May 16 – 17. After two days of electrifying competition “Final Cut” from North High School in North St. Paul, MN was crowned NRL Grand Champion. sponsored by the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA).

“Everyone who participated in the NRL Championships is a winner,” said NRL Program Director Maureen Carruthers. “Students had a great time and were introduced to the world of 21st century manufacturing, and NTMA member companies formed valuable partnerships with community colleges and high schools. Manufacturing has many sophisticated, high-skilled jobs which go unfilled because of a lack of sufficiently trained candidates. NRL exposes thousands of students each year to the new world of manufacturing. We’re helping to attract a new generation of technology leaders, one robot at a time.”

Other robot award winners included:

- **1st Place:** FINAL CUT - North High School, North St. Paul, MN
- **2nd Place:** K.A.R.A. - Hempfield Area High School, Greensburg, PA
- **3rd Place:** STRYX - Greater Latrobe Senior High School, Greensburg, PA
- **Coollest Bot:** SHIFFU - Upper Valley Career Center, Piqua, OH

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- **Best Documentation (three-way tie):** THUNDERBOLT - Beaumont School, Cleveland Heights, OH; ALEXANDER THE GREAT - Beaumont School, Cleveland Heights, OH; SIMPLY GREEN - Ringgold High School, Monongahela, PA
- **Best Engineered (three-way tie):** ALEXANDER THE GREAT - Beaumont School, Cleveland Heights, OH; BLACK WIDOW - Penncrest School District, Saegertown, PA; EARTH SHAKER - Cochranon High School, Cochranon, PA
- **Best Team Presentation (three-way tie):** THE X-FACTOR - Cleveland Heights High School, Cleveland Heights, OH; THUNDERBOLT - Beaumont High School, Cleveland Heights, OH; THE STREAKER - Madison High School, Madison, OH

Created by NTMA, the NRL is designed to help introduce a new generation of students to the advanced skills and technology of today's manufacturing.

In addition to NTMA, NRL sponsors include National Tooling & Machining Foundation, DEPCO LLC, Grainger, Royal Products, Voss, Boston Centerless, Akron NTMA Chapter, Sandvik Coromant, PartnerShip, GF Machining Solutions, Mosey Production Machinists, Latrobe, LLC, Homeyer Precision Manufacturing, Big Kaiser Precision Tooling Inc., PiMios, and the Northwest PA NTMA Chapter.

For more information about the National Robotics League, including ways to get involved as a volunteer or sponsor, contact Maureen Carruthers at mcarruthers@ntma.org.

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Additional information is also available on the NRL website at www.gonrl.org.

About NTMA: NTMA's 1,400 member companies design and manufacture special tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, gages, special machines and precision-machined parts. Some firms specialize in experimental research and development work as well as rapid prototyping. Many NTMA members are privately owned small businesses, yet the industry generates sales in excess of \$40 billion a year. NTMA's mission is to help members of the U.S. precision custom manufacturing industry achieve business success in a global economy through advocacy, advice, networking, information, programs and services. Additional information can be found at www.ntma.org.