

#### The TRiSonics take home TWO more blue banners!

On March 23 - 24, the TriSonics competed at their second event at Grand Valley State University right here in Allendale, Michigan. Between their two events, they fixed a few things: the clamp to grab the cubes, their climber, and the intake flippers. On Friday, the amazing Chairman's team presented to the judges again. Then, after qualification matches on Saturday morning, the TriSonics were ranked #7 out of 40 teams. Competing on the #1 alliance, the TriSonics won the event with the help of FRC 85, B.O.B. (Built On Brains), and FRC 5927, iCademy Globetrotters. The TriSonics will now be competing in the State Championship at Saginaw Valley State University from April 12 - 14!



Pictured above: The TriSonics after winning 2 blue banners at their second event, the District Winner and the Chairman's Award!

# Day 1

Qualification matches began Friday morning and at the end of the day, the TriSonics were ranked #7 with a record of 6-2. The Chairman's team presented to the team of judges, pictured to the right, about the team and how they help the community.





# Next Up - State Championship

The TriSonics next event will be the FIRST in Michigan State Championship hosted at Saginaw Valley State University from April 12 - 14.



### Day 2

At the end of qualification matches, the TriSonics were ranked #7, having won 9 matches and lost 3. We were chosen by the #1 placed team, 85 -B.O.B. to play with them in the playoff matches as the #1 seeded alliance. They then decided to choose team 5927, the iCademy Globetrotters to join their awesome alliance. They eventually went on to win the event and take home that blue banner. But not only did they win that blue banner, they also won a second blue banner! The TriSonics also won the most prestigious award in FIRST, the Chairman's Award. It goes to a team who shows that FIRST is more than robots, and what impacts they have on their community. Winning this award, automatically qualifies the TriSonics for the State Championship!

# **TriSonics Shoutouts**

At this event, the team also received a lot of individual recognition. Starting with <u>Elijah Hagberg</u> and <u>Ethan Potinsky</u> on being nominated for the Dean's List Award. Then, their awesome fabrication mentor, <u>Dale Van Lopik</u>, got recognized by the students nominating him for the Woodie Flowers Award. And finally, one of the lead designers, <u>Nathan Siebelink</u>, received a \$20,000 scholarship through FIRST to attend GVSU in the fall!

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