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**CMSA'S ROSHAAN SIDDIQUI WILL REPRESENT CHICAGO AS FIRST Dean's List Finalists AT ROBOTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN APRIL**

Chicago, IL - (March 1, 2017) - CMSA's junior student, Roshaan Siddiqui, is one of the four nominated by the FTC Robotics organization to their **FIRST Dean's List Finalists**. Roshaan is the only student from a Chicago CPS school to receive this honor. The nomination earns him a place at the FTC Robotics World Championship in April where the final winners will be announced.

The purpose is to honor student leaders who have led their Teams and communities to increased awareness for *FIRST* and its mission. These students have also achieved personal technical expertise and accomplishment. It is the intention of *FIRST* that these individuals will continue on, post-Award, as great leaders, student alumni, and advocates of *FIRST*. Prestigious colleges have expressed great interest in meeting *FIRST* Dean's List's Award winners.



The *FIRST* Dean's List is sponsored by the Kaemen family. Dean Kaemen is a famous inventor and founder of First Robotics. This award recognizes the leadership and dedication of *FIRST*'s most outstanding *FIRST* Tech Challenge students. Since its introduction in 2010, the ***FIRST* Dean's List Award** has attracted the attention of prestigious colleges and universities who desire to recruit *FIRST* Dean's List students. Similar to the very prestigious National Merit Scholarship Award winners, there are three (3) "categories" of *FIRST* Dean's List Award students. Roshaan's nomination is the second category, ***FIRST* Dean's List Finalists**, which has select students to be recognized at each State/Regions Championship that are in the running for **the *FIRST* Dean's List Winner spots**.

Roshaan, now a junior, has been part of the CMSA robotics team for the past 5 years since he was a 7th grader. During this time, he has represented CMSA in numerous events including State, American and World Championships. "As a team, we are very happy and proud of Roshaan's success," states his coach Mr. Guliyev. ***FIRST*** is an acronym for: ***F*or *I*nspiration and *R*ecognition of *S*cience & *T*echnology**

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