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**CHICAGO MATH AND SCIENCE ACADEMY (CMSA)'s ROBOTICS TEAM  
ADVANCES TO ILLIONIS FTC STATE COMPETITION**

Chicago, IL - (December 21, 2016) - CMSA's high school robotics team, the Robotitans, have advanced to the Illinois State FTC Competition after winning high honors at a recent qualifier event. The Illinois State Competition takes place February 25-26, 2017. Two years ago, the Robotitans were the only team from Chicago Public Schools to compete in the FTC World Championship.



The team brought home 3 awards: A 2<sup>nd</sup> place "**Inspire**" Award, the most coveted award in the competition one that dictates the teams moving on to the State competition. The **Inspire Award** is given to the Team that the Judges felt truly embodied the 'challenge' of the FTC program. In addition, the team won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the "**Connect**" Award which is presented to the Team that the Judges feel most connected with their local community, FIRST and the business world. The "**Alliance**" award was bestowed on the team for their efforts in working in conjunction with other teams.

“The Robotitans have a winning track record and we are very proud of their accomplishments. Robotics allows students to master STEM- related skills which open doors to their future,” states Mr. Ali Kuran, principal. “Participation in this “sport of the mind” allows students to develop many life-skills in a holistic fashion. It’s a win-win for everyone involved.”



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