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CMSA JUNIOR ROSHAAN SIDDIQUI EARNs FIRST[®] TECH CHALLENGE (FTC) DEAN'S AWARD

Chicago, IL – (May 9, 2017) – **Chicago Math and Science Academy (CMSA) proudly announces that Roshaan Siddiqui, a founding member of the robotics team, “The Robotitans Team #7006,” has received the honor of being one of six students to win the 2017 FTC Dean’s List Award.** The prestigious award was created by FIRST[®] Robotics founder and inventor Dean Kamen. Roshaan is one of only **six students in** the United States to receive this honor. The award was presented at the recent Robotics World Championship in St. Louis.



“Five years ago, Roshaan Siddiqui joined the robotics team as a 7th grader. His years of hard work and dedication led him to win this Dean's List Award. Thousands of students from 33

countries are involved in robotics, but only 6 students received the Dean's List Award and Roshaan is one of them. We are so very proud of Roshaan and know that this award will open many doors for him," states Mr. Akgul, one of his robotics coaches.

FIRST® Tech challenges students to learn to think like engineers. Teams build robots from a reusable kit of parts, develop strategies, document their progress, and compete head-to-head. Accomplished inventor Dean Kamen founded FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) in 1989 to inspire an appreciation of science and technology in young people. Based in Manchester, New Hampshire FIRST® designs accessible, innovative programs to build self-confidence, knowledge, and life skills while motivating young people to pursue opportunities in science, technology, and engineering.



Roshaan with Dean Kamen at Awards ceremony.

“Receiving the FTC Dean's list award has been a rewarding experience. This award will show the colleges I apply to, and my future employers, just how passionate I am about engineering,” states Roshaan Siddiqui. All of us at CMSA could not be prouder!

Since 2004, it has been the mission of Chicago Math & Science Academy, located in the Rogers Park community, to prepare students for college and the world beyond by offering high-quality, college-prep, STEM-focused education that changes the trajectory of students' lives.

Chicago Math & Science Academy is managed by Concept Schools. Concept Schools is a charter school management organization that manages or operates 30 public charter schools throughout the Midwest. Our college-prep curriculum is STEM-based, and like any other public school, each school in the Concept network is highly regulated and overseen by their respective school districts and charter authorizers. Schools within the Concept Network are continuously recognized for their excellence in education.

