



News release
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District robotics teams advance to state championship

Two teams from Eisenhower Middle School will compete this February



Eisenhower's Copious Coders (in red) and Power Programmers (in blue)

During the first two weeks of December, FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Washington hosted regional qualifier competitions across the state. Elementary and middle school teams from Everett Public Schools participated in the competition, most competing at Evergreen Middle School on December 11 and 12.

FLL teams are made up of students in fourth through eighth grade and each team can have up to 10 students. Students are guided by two or more coaches to research a real-world problem. This year students participated in "Cargo Connect" where teams were asked to re-imagine global transportation systems and explore ways of improving how to access and deliver needed and desired goods, making all communities more connected.

Four teams were recognized for their Cargo Connect solutions and two Eisenhower Middle School teams, Eisenhower Power Programmers and Copious Coders, will be advancing to the FLL State Championship hosted by Amazon in Seattle on February 5.

Coach(es)	Team Name	Award
Anne Gamache	Eisenhower Power Programmers	Robot Design
Anne Gamache	Eisenhower Copious Coders	Robot Game High Score
Kelly Ihrig Victoria Lyman	Tambark Creek Lightning Coderz	Innovative Solution Award
Jennifer Vantuyl Paul Rentko	Gateway Hot Wheels	Innovative Solution Award

| She explains that in addition to strengthening their 21st century skills of teamwork, creative problem solving and perseverance, students are “joyful in their work” and their “confidence, abilities and bond with one another has grown throughout the season.” She adds, “It has been both a joy and an honor to work with this amazing group of students this season.”

To learn more about FIRST LEGO League Washington, please visit <https://firstwa.org/>.

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