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Gateway Middle School robotics team advances to state semi-finals

The Gateway Lego Guardians get ready for next competition on Feb. 9



Congratulations to the Gateway Middle School's FIRST Lego League team - The Gateway Lego Guardians!

On Saturday, Jan. 18, Gateway Middle School's robotics team placed sixth in the [FIRST Lego League competition](#). As a result, they are advancing to the state semi-finals, Sunday, Feb. 9 at [Henry M. Jackson High School](#), hosted by Jackson's own [Jack in the Bot](#) robotics team.

Teams demonstrated their skills before the judges in three categories; mechanical design, project presentation, and core values. In those categories, judges determined whether they were; beginning, developing, accomplished, or exemplary. Out of nine sub-categories, the Guardians were considered *accomplished* in seven and *exemplary* in the other two.

"What an exciting and tense moment waiting for our team number to be called for that coveted spot in the state semi-finals," said Coach Brick Baldwin. "Winning this spot means the team performed at a very consistent level through all the judging and competition.

"Only 12 teams out of the 45 that competed today received this advancement," added Robotics Advisor Tom Vilorio. "Gateway Pride!"

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