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16 teams from 5 BCPS schools qualify for 2022 VEX Robotics World Championships

Towson, MD – Sixteen teams from five Baltimore County public schools have qualified to compete at the 2022 VEX Robotics World Championships, based on their achievements at the Maryland State Championships. The teams represent Dulaney High, Hereford High, Hereford Middle, Ridgely Middle, and Sparks Elementary schools.

The World Championships will be held from Tuesday, May 3, through Thursday, May 12, at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas, Texas. More than 2,300 teams from throughout the nation and around the world are expected to participate.

"Please join me in congratulating our dedicated robotics students," said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. "I'd also like to thank their coaches, teachers, and families for their support of our amazing students and schools, especially as we navigated various COVID-19 challenges and disruptions."

The qualifying teams are:

- Team 9290A, Sparks Elementary School Excellence Award and Team Champion at the Elementary School VEX IQ Maryland Championship (held on March 12, at New Town High School)
- Team 9290B, Sparks Elementary School Design Award winner at the Elementary School VEX
 IQ Maryland Championship
- Team 929J, Hereford Middle School -- Excellence Award winner at the Middle School VEX IQ
 Maryland Championship (held on March 12, at New Town High School)

- **Team 952M, Ridgely Middle School** -- Teamwork 2nd Place Award and Amaze Award winner at the Middle School VEX IQ Maryland Championship; Tournament Finalist at Middle School VRC Maryland Championship (held on February 26 at Hereford Middle School)
- **Team 929E, Hereford Middle School** -- Teamwork 3rd Place Award winner at the Middle School VEX IQ Maryland Championship
- Team 952H, Ridgely Middle School Design Award winner at the Middle School VEX IQ
 Maryland Championship
- Team 929B, Hereford Middle School earned invitation due to skills score at the Middle School
 VEX IQ Maryland Championship
- Team 929T, Hereford Middle School— earned invitation due to skills score at the Middle School VEX IQ Maryland Championship
- Team 952A, Ridgely Middle School Tournament Finalist at Middle School VRC Maryland Championship
- Team 9290A, Hereford Middle School earned invitation due to skills score at Middle School VRC Maryland Championship
- Team 9290B, Hereford Middle School -- Excellence Award, Tournament Champion, and Skills
 Champion winner at Middle School VRC Maryland Championship
- Team 9290D, Hereford Middle School earned invitation due to skills score at Middle School VRC Maryland Championship
- **Team 1727A, Dulaney High School** Innovate Award winner at the High School VRC Maryland Championship (held on March 5, at Dundalk/Sollers Point High Schools)
- **Team 1727B, Dulaney High School** -- Think Award winner at the High School VRC Maryland Championship
- Teams 929V, Hereford High School earned invitation due to skills score at the High School VRC
 Maryland Championship
- Teams 929S, Hereford High School— earned invitation due to skills score at the High School VRC Maryland Championship

The VEX Robotics World Championship, presented by the Northrop Grumman Foundation, brings together the top VEX IQ Challenge, VEX Robotics Competition, and VEX U teams to celebrate their accomplishments and compete for honors.

<u>Baltimore County Public Schools</u>, the nation's 25th largest school system, is focused on raising the bar and closing gaps to prepare our students for the future. Thanks to innovative and talented leaders, teachers, staff, and students, BCPS celebrates <u>many honors</u>.