

## FIRST Robotics Team mentored by Mars International wins Mid-Atlantic Regional District competition!

Congratulations to Piscataway High School's FIRST Robotics team, Team 224, "The Tribe," for winning the Mid-Atlantic Regional District competition at The College of New Jersey on March 16<sup>th</sup>. "The Tribe," part of a winning three-team alliance, now qualifies to participate in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship at Lehigh University April 11<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Piscataway High School's FIRST Robotics team, "The Tribe," has been mentored by members of Mars International's management and engineering department including Geoff Engelstein, John Burk, John O'Connor, and Matt Magnifico.

The 2013 "Ultimate Ascent" competition requires each FIRST team to design, build and program a robot to shoot Frisbee-like discs into specified targets of varying heights on a 27' x 54' field. The robot must operate autonomously or by remote control. At the conclusion of the shooting round, additional points are awarded to robots that climb a pyramid-shaped tower at the center of the field.

FIRST Robotics is an international organization dedicated to inspire students' interest and participation in science and technology. The not-for-profit organization designs programs that motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and math) while building self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

The next district competition in which "The Tribe" will participate will be on April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> at Bridgewater-Raritan High School.



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