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Local students demonstrate engineering excellence at 2016 Orlando Regional FIRST® Robotics Competition, March 11 & 12

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PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The Pasco County Library System's robotics team will join 3500 students representing 65 teams from 40 Florida high schools—plus teams from across the U.S., the Netherlands, and China—to compete in the 18th Annual Orlando Regional FIRST® Robotics Competition at the University of Central Florida CFE Arena on March 11 & 12, 2016.

The Pasco County Library System's team is named The Edgar Allan Ohms (team #5276) and is the first public library First Robotics Competition team in the country. The team is comprised of students from all over Pasco County.

This year's *FIRST* Robotics Competition challenge is called *FIRST* Stronghold, and requires alliances of three robots to go on a quest to breach their opponents' fortification, weaken their tower with boulders, and capture it. Teams had just six weeks to build a robot that can function both autonomously and through teleoperation to score the most points by effectively defending their castle, retrieving and accurately launching foam boulders, defeat defenses, and scale their opponent's tower.

The public is encouraged to attend the Orlando Regional to catch the excitement of this intense competition and cheer on their favorite teams. Admission is free.

Where and when:

- University of Central Florida CFE Arena, 12777 Gemini Blvd. N, Orlando, FL 32816
- Friday, March 11: Doors open to public at 9:00 a.m., Opening Ceremonies, qualifying matches through 5:45pm
- Saturday, March 12: Doors open to public at 9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies, qualifying matches through noon, final rounds 1:30-4:30 p.m. with Awards and Closing Ceremonies at 4:30 p.m.

To learn more about the Orlando Regional, please visit OrlandoFRC.org.

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