SBPLI FIRST LEGO League Championship Award Winners Announced

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Members of FIRST LEGO League Team #38503 "Techno Queens" of Jericho and FIRST LEGO League Team #33410 "Taco Brothers" of Garden City pose together on the competition floor with their LEGO robots at the SBPLI FIRST® LEGO® League Championship Tournament, which was held at Longwood High School on March 3. Photo credit: School-Business Partnerships of Long Island, Inc.

Longwood High School was once again home to the School-Business Partnerships of Long Island, Inc. (SBPLI) *FIRST*® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) LEGO League Long Island Championship Tournament, which took place on March 3. The event challenged Long Island middle school students to demonstrate their problem-solving skills, creative thinking, teamwork, competitive play, sportsmanship and sense of community.

FIRST LEGO League Team #92, the "Sea Lions," of Seaford, took home the First Place Champion's Award and will be attending the World Festival in Detroit, Michigan on April 24-27. *FIRST* LEGO League Team #33410, the "Taco Brothers," of Garden City, secured the Second Place Champion's Award and will be attending the Razorback Invitational in Fayetteville, Arkansas on May 16-19.

FIRST LEGO League Team #4756, "Diamond Cube," of Jericho, took home the Programming Award and *FIRST* LEGO League Team #33410, the "Techno Queens," of Jericho, secured the Innovative Solution Award, as well as the Global Innovation Award. Both of these teams will be attending the Mountain State Invitational in West Virginia on July 12-14.

After eight weeks of research and design, 200 teams competed in six Qualifiers for an opportunity to be one of 39 teams to participate in the Championship Tournament. This season's challenge was INTO ORBIT^SM, and teams chose and solved a real-world problem faced by humans during long-duration space exploration within our sun's solar system. They also built, tested, and programmed an autonomous robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS® technology to solve a set of missions in the Robot Game. Throughout their experience, the teams operated under the *FIRST* signature set of Core Values, celebrating discovery, teamwork, and Gracious Professionalism®.

The *FIRST* LEGO League competition is judged in three areas: project presentation; overall robot performance, design and programming; and teamwork, with a consideration of the *FIRST* LEGO League Core Values. The highest honor went to the team that best succeeds in these areas and exemplifies the spirit and values of the program.

Listed below are the awards that were presented during the SBPLI *FIRST* LEGO League Championship on March 3:

Award	Team No.	Team Name	Town
Champion's Award	First Place: 92	Sea Lions*	Seaford
	Second Place: 33410	Taco Brothers**	Garden City
Robot Performance	First Place: 27741	Think Outside the Earth	Jericho
	Second Place: 5357	Imagination In A Nutshell	Jericho
Alliance Award (Score: 140)	37507	WALL-E Workers	New Hyde Park
	37857	Time Travelers	Island Park
Research	11363	Bear Force One	Stony Brook
Innovative Solution	38503	Techno Queens***	Jericho
Global Innovation	38503	Techno Queens***	Jericho
Judge's Award	14823	Teach Me How To LEGO	Baldwin
Presentation	16174	Meteorites	Hicksville
Mechanical Design	6116	Rocky Point Robo Eagles	Rocky Point
Programming	4756	Diamond Cube***	Jericho
Strategy & Innovation	1087	BRAINSTORMERS	Bayport
Inspiration	5357	Imagination in a Nutshell	Jericho
Teamwork	37506	Microchip Cookies	Plainview
Zebra Award	11362	Solar Flare Bears	Stony Brook
Gracious Professionalism	27743	The Robosaurus	Stony Brook

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