

RESOLUTION No. 2022-

***RELATIVE TO HONORING THE
LASALLE PREP SCHOOL ROBOTICS PROGRAM***

BY:

Council Chairman John Spanbauer
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WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls City School District's LaSalle Prep School Robotics Teams participated the VEX IQ World Robotics Championship on May 11, 2022 in Dallas TX; and

WHEREAS, VEX competitions foster STEM-related skills and capitalize on the motivational effects of competitions and robotics to help all students create an identity as a STEM learner; and

WHEREAS, VEX competitions also expose students to valuable soft skills like communication, collaboration and time-management and prepares students to become future innovators; and

WHEREAS, the LaSalle Prep students competed against 800 teams from 48 states and over 40 countries, with approximately 6,500 individual competitors participating; and

WHEREAS, the students began their journey to this competition in September 2021 by assembling their robots from thousands of individual parts, ultimately learning how to code and drive the same;

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WHEREAS, at the competition, the LaSalle Prep students represented their City and school proudly by finishing 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 8th and 9th in the world in their respective divisions; and

WHEREAS, the 2nd Place team, “French Toast Mafia”, consisted of Prep students Lilliana Misterkiewicz and Anelie Copelin, and the 3rd Place “Robo Revenge” team members were Aiden Chase, Michael Mettler and Ian Aube; and

WHEREAS, the other students representing LaSalle Prep at the competition were Gennarino Briglio, Lucas Chamberlain, Ryan Janese, Ryan Brady, Makayla Parise, Brodie Kennedy, Daniel Kneepple and Elijah Printup; and

WHEREAS, these young innovators are to be celebrated not only for their world-class performance at the competition, but for their commitment to education, science and technology. These students are a shining example of the high-quality education and instruction provided to our City students by the Niagara Falls City School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, NY and Mayor Robert M. Restaino acknowledge the students of the LaSalle Prep School Robotics program for their outstanding performance at the VEX IQ World Robotics Championship, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City celebrates these gifted students for their drive, dedication and commitment to their educational pursuits, their School and our community.