

Local girls team grabs top honors at LEGO tourney

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POCATELLO — For the second year in a row, an all-girls team took top honors at the Southeastern Idaho LEGO League Competition on Nov. 18.

Eighteen teams from Pocatello, Chubbuck and Fort Hall competed for prizes in robot performance and design, as well as nanotechnology research, and teamwork. In the end the judges were impressed with what all of the teams had learned about robotics, as well as the professionalism they displayed during this very competitive and exciting tournament.

More robotics can be seen in Pocatello next Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Vex Robotics Competition in 'The Pit' at Pocatello High School from 6-9 p.m. Watch another dozen or more high school

teams battle their Vex Robots in a field based game. These robots can be purchased at Radio Shack — the challenge lies in programming and manipulating the robots to complete a variety of tasks.

Both of these programs are funded in part by ISU's GK12 program, a National Science Foundation grant which gives scholarships to ISU engineering and science graduate students who share their scientific and engineering expertise with K-12 students. The GK12 program is also working hard to strengthen existing partnerships between ISU, K-12 schools and local industry. These robotics programs are great examples of such partnerships at work, with many of the robotics teams funded by Simplot, AMIS, INL and other local industry leaders.