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Plainfield's PAAAS Robotics Team Places during Finals at Liberty Science Center Qualifier

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Front Row L-R: Taylor James, Carlos Lara, Christino Barbosa, Patrick Bran, Daniel Gold; Back L-R: Tory James, Regis Halliday, Kenneth Nobles, Elijah Taylor, Ahsiem Sullivan, and Angel Diaz

JERSEY CITY, NJ - The Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies' Robotics Team, The Deceptibots, attended the First Tech Challenge Qualifier at the Liberty Science Center on Saturday, Jan. 12. As the only robot to use a servo motor to optimize

precision, the team's robot was able to perform consistently well during the qualifying matches -- ranking #1 out of 24 teams.

As the teams competed, The Deceptibots developed difficulties positioning the robot on the arena. Despite their strong lead, the Deceptibots lost during the final tournament.

Daniel Gold, Advisor to the PAAAS group said, "Although the team did not ultimately win, that, however, did not damper their spirit. Congratulations to the team."

The members who attended the competition include: Christino Barbosa, Patrick Bran, Aaryn Brooks, Angel Diaz, Jorge Flores, Mikaeli Gomez, Regis Halliday, LeAnthony Howell, Taylor James, Tory James, Carlos Lara, Kenneth Nobles, Ahsiem Sullivan, Elijah Taylor, and Jessica Williams.

The Deceptibots will continue to perfect their robot and hope to enter additional competitions scheduled during the months ahead. The team will compete in The Robotics Annual Showcase in the spring where members will showcase their individual talents in engineering and robotics.

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