



# NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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For Immediate Release:

The Nolan Catholic High School Robotics team FRC Team 4206, The Robo Vikes has had another remarkable season this year! This is the second year in a row that our Robotics have qualified for the FIRST Championship 2023 to be held in Houston April 19-22, 2023. [FIRST Championship](#) is a culminating, international event for our youth robotics competition season and an annual celebration of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) for our community as we prepare young people for the future. Qualification and advancement to participate in *FIRST* Championship vary by program.

In the last six weeks, our Nolan Catholic High School Robo Vikes earned the following awards and accomplishments:

1. **Volunteer of the Year Award** at the Fort Worth District Qualifier, Julia Ermish
2. **Volunteer of the Year Award** at the FIRST in Texas District Championship/UII State Championship, Joe Varnell
3. **Innovation in Control Award** at the Amarillo District Qualifier. *This celebrates an innovative control system or application of control components – electrical, mechanical, or software – to provide unique machine functions.*
4. **Excellence in Engineering Award** at the FIRST in Texas District Championship/UII State Championship. *The Excellence in Engineering Award celebrates the team that demonstrates a professional approach to the design process, and whose design is elegant and advantageous on the field of play.*
5. **First in Texas Amarillo District Event Winner**

Nolan Catholic High School and the Robo Vikes honor the memory of Carson FitzGibbon from the class of 2018. He passed away in March of this year. Carson was a passionate and enthusiastic member of the Robo Vikes, and the program has received generous donations this year in remembrance of him and his love of robotics. A photo of Carson is accompanying the team as they compete.

The Robo Vikes are set to compete in the World Championship competition in Houston next week. We are very proud of these students and all the adult mentors!

“Through their hard work, dedication, and perseverance, the Robo Vikes have achieved unprecedented results; congratulations to each member of our team. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed, and we are proud of all that you have accomplished heading into the World Championships.”

*Brad Billeaudeau, M.Ed.*

*Head Robotics Coach Robo Vikes FRC Team 4206*

This is the Robo Vikes' third year in Nolan Catholic's new IDEA building (Integrated Design Engineering and Arts). We are very grateful to a generous donor who gifted the school with state-of-the-art engineering equipment for our students to have real-world, hands-on experiences. Many of the students who participate in the Robotics Club are enrolled in the engineering [Project Lead the Way](#) program at Nolan Catholic. In addition, we have over eight mentors from Lockheed Martin, Bell Helicopter, and Southwest Airlines who dedicate their time and expertise to mentor our students. The IDEA building is dedicated to St. Joseph the Worker who inspires our faculty, students, teachers, and mentors to use their hands, minds, and hearts to further truth, beauty, and goodness.

*Nolan Catholic High School is a ministry of the Diocese of Fort Worth providing a college preparatory education and evangelizing students to be tomorrow's servant leaders through education in faith, formation in hope, and perseverance in charity.*



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