**FIRST @ UVM**  
**Awards Report**

### Motivate Award

The Motivate Award recognizes outstanding team spirit shown through costumes and outfits, team support, and other methods of standing out and raising attention. Teams that reach out to their schools and community to raise awareness of FIRST and their FTC efforts have done so in a variety of cool and inventive methods - this year's winner is no exception.

**The finalists for this award are:**  
39 The Gingerbread Men, 4102 CHS Cougars, 5468 Finding Blue Moose

**This is what the judges said about the winner of the Motivate Award:**

The Motivate Award winners were so infectiously enthusiastic, we couldn't help but smile around them. They wear their joy for robotics like a mascot. As a self-organizing unit, they demonstrate their commitment on a weekly basis.

**The Motivate Award is presented to:**  
5468, Finding Blue Moose

### Connect Award

The Connect Award is a bit different than the Motivate Award. Winners of the Connect Award have done a great deal of community outreach not only to spread the word about FIRST but specifically to include engineers, scientists, and other technology professionals into their outreach efforts. This creates connections between teams, FIRST, and the professional world that can last years beyond their participation in FTC. Connect Award winners also develop and execute plans to fund their team including clear goals and objectives - including how they can give back to their community in the future.

**The finalists for this award are:**  
1 Team Unlimited, 4082 RoboSpartans, 4347 NanoGurus

**This is what the judges said about the winner of the Connect Award:**

The winners of this award were difficult to choose, given each team's enthusiasm for promotional STEM within their communities, near and far. In the end, there were less than 300, but their STEM enthusiasm helped them reach farther than the Greek Empire.

**The Connect Award is presented to:**
The Rockwell Collins Innovate Award is robot specific. It celebrates teams who come up with innovative solutions to the Game Challenge that most others have overlooked. These solutions can't just look good - they've got to work... at least most of the time. Historically, some of the most innovative breakthroughs in science and technology have come when fresh thinking is applied to a known problem. This year's Rockwell Collins Innovate Award winners demonstrated that type of thinking.

The finalists for this award are:

1 Team Unlimited, 36 Wyverns, 3590 Ingenium

This is what the judges said about the winner of the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award:

With their design, they escaped the long arm of the law. By using elements of good engineering design, it is clear they have unlimited potential for their future.

The Rockwell Collins Innovate Award is presented to:

1 Team Unlimited
### PTC Design Award

We are happy that PTC has offered to sponsor the PTC Design Award. The intent of this award is to expand the challenge, inspiring teams to incorporate industrial design into their robots. These elements can be shown in the simplicity of the design as it applies to the tasks, the look and feel of the robot, and how the design allows us to think of robots in new ways. The Design aspects must serve a function - but they should also differentiate the robot in a unique fashion - not an easy task with a limited set of parts and game challenge.

**The finalists for this award are:**
- 36 Wyverns, 3590 Ingenium, 4102 CHS Cougars

**This is what the judges said about the winner of the PTC Design Award:**

This team has high confidence. Their mascot flies. Beware of the barbed tail.

**The PTC Design Award is presented to:**
- 36 Wyverns

### Think Award

Every team at this event has had to think - hopefully a lot. The Think Award recognizes the team that has successfully thought, organized, and documented their journey from their starting point to their final design. The engineering notebook is the record of this journey. Just like in real life, teams that can document their process have the best chance at learning from it and improving on it.

**The finalists for this award are:**
- 3590 Ingenium, 4082 RoboSpartans, 4102 CHS Cougars

**This is what the judges said about the winner of the Think Award:**

They came a long way to compete here today. They have a bright design. They have a robot that has been seen playing golf.

**The Think Award is presented to:**
- 4102 CHS Cougars

### Inspire
The Inspire Award is the highest award given by FTC. The winner of the Inspire Award is automatically eligible for advancement to the next tournament level. Winners of the Inspire Award at a Championship Tournament are eligible to compete in the 2012 FTC World Championship in St. Louis. The Inspire Award winner is the 'prototype' for what we'd like to see all teams achieve as part of the FIRST Tech Challenge. They do many of the things mentioned in the other awards. The difference is that they've tied these together in a comprehensive manner resulting in success in the competition, outreach to the community, robot design, team spirit, and engineering accomplishment. That's a tall order but we've got some great candidates for this award today.

**The finalists for this award are:**
- 36 Wyverns, 3590 Ingenium, 4102 CHS Cougars

**This is what the judges said about the winner of the Inspire:**
This winning team incorporated lots of color in their flowerful design. The winning team had an ingeniously stable design. They may not have a lead foot, but they put the "petal" to the metal.

**The Inspire is presented to:**
- 3590 Ingenium

**FIRST @ UVM Winning Alliance**

**The FIRST @ UVM Winning Alliance is presented to:**
- Alliance 3: 4102,4347,6337

**FIRST @ UVM Finalist Alliance**

**The FIRST @ UVM Finalist Alliance is presented to:**
- Alliance 1: 3568,6508,4392

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