



# HACIENDA LA PUENTE

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## Hacienda La Puente Unified's Wilson High Robotics Team Advances to World Championships

**CITY OF INDUSTRY** – Glen A. Wilson High School robotics team "AlphaGenesis" will advance to the 2022 FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) World Championships after ranking first in robot performance and earning strong overall scores at the Southern California FTC Regional Championship on March 12.

More than 150 Southern California high schools participated in the FTC program this season, which included six qualifying tournaments, with 36 teams advancing to regionals and the top three teams progressing to the World Championships. The program is run by For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST), an international science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) non-profit organization.

"Congratulations to our Wilson High robotics students and coaches on this unique opportunity to travel as a team, showcase their STEM and robot skills and represent our District on an international level," Board President Jeffrey De La Torre said. "Our Hacienda La Puente Unified students continue to demonstrate dedication, perseverance and passion and we are proud to be partners in their future."

The AlphaGenesis 11-person team consists of 10th- through 12th-grade students and Wilson High School math and Robotics advisor Shirley Young.

The 2022 FTC World Championships will be held April 20-23 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. During the event, teams will work together to maximize their overall scores in head-to-head themed robot play, skills challenges and STEM problem-solving.

"Thank you to the Board of Education for supporting our innovative STEM programs and to our dedicated Wilson students, teachers and staff on this remarkable academic achievement," Superintendent Dr. Alfonso Jiménez said. "At Hacienda La Puente Unified, we are committed to providing a variety of STEM programs and extracurriculars that continue to challenge our students to think critically, explore real-world concepts and develop innovative solutions that prepare them for the future."

### PHOTO CAPTION:

**HLPUSD\_WILSONROBOTICS:** Glen A. Wilson High School robotics team "AlphaGenesis" celebrate their advancement to the FIRST Tech Challenge World Championships.

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