

## CA State Championships 3/14/14 – 3/16/14

I don't think words can begin to describe the excitement of the 40 MVHS students who attended the VEX Robotics CA State Championships this past weekend at Great America in Santa Clara. Below is a brief summary of the trip:

- 73 high school teams from all parts of the state were in attendance
- The competition was fierce as CA is well known for some of the best robotics programs in the world
- Teams competed in 8 qualifying matches on Saturday and Sunday in order to determine the top 8 teams who would be alliance captains.
- After these 8 matches our teams were ranked 6<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 34<sup>th</sup> out of the 73.
- Team 569C who was ranked 6<sup>th</sup> chose one robot from Simi Valley and our very own Team 569A who was ranked 34<sup>th</sup> to be on their alliance.
- Team 569B (ranked 15<sup>th</sup>) was chosen by the 7<sup>th</sup> seeded alliance.
- Only 24 of the 73 teams make the playoffs and all 3 of our teams were in the "dance"
- Team 569C and 569A performed brilliantly in the playoffs landing in the finals, playing for the state title. Unfortunately they ran into some tough competition and lost narrowly in the finals. Each team was awarded a Tournament Finalist Trophy.
- Team 569B fought hard but were defeated in the quarterfinals
- In the skills challenges, Team 569B won the CA State Programming Skills CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE
- Team 569B was also awarded the Think Award for having the best autonomous strategy and execution at the tournament.
- As a result of their hard work, dedication, and efforts ALL 3 TEAMS QUALIFIED FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP taking place next month at the Anaheim Convention Center where there will be over 400 teams from 15-20 different countries.
- Please give these students a huge congratulations as they most certainly deserve it.





