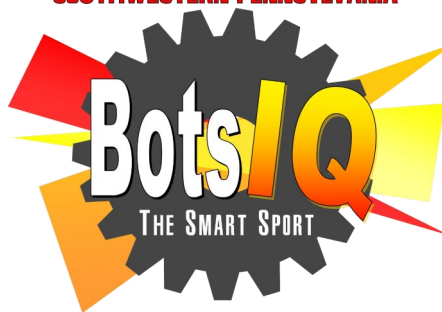


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**WHO:** Hempfield High School  
**WHAT:** Grabs top honors at the 10th Annual BotsIQ Competition  
**WHERE:** California University Convocation Center, California, PA  
**WHEN:** Saturday, April 25, 2015

**California, PA (Saturday, April 25, 2015)** — After two days of battle, the top BotsIQ honor goes to Hempfield Area High School and their robot Nexus, the 2015 Grand Champion. This weekend, more than 1,000 students from 60 schools and 78 teams participated in the 10th annual BotsIQ competition at California University's Convocation Center in California, PA. Students from across the region entered the robots that they designed and built in this high-tech battle. The Grand Champion award recognizes the team with the best overall performance in the competition, documentation and team interviews. The competition was steep, and there was no shortage of talent or excitement.

It's been ten years since the Pittsburgh Chapter National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) and a committed group of manufacturers and educators brought BotsIQ to southwestern PA. Known as "The Smart Sport", BotsIQ begins with preliminary competitions and culminates in a two-day, gladiator-style battle to the finish of student-made, remote-controlled robots.

***The NTMA was instrumental in bringing BotsIQ to southwestern Pennsylvania in 2006 and the manufacturing industry has been the event's strongest supporter as young people discover the potential for future careers. Young people who are interested in how things are made are the future of the high-tech manufacturing workforce. Students love BotsIQ because it makes education fun—drawing on their knowledge of math, science, engineering and even public speaking. Educators love BotsIQ because of the enthusiasm it sparks in their students and the resources it provides to their classroom.***

**Hempfield High School** received a traveling trophy, team ribbons and a \$1,000 award from the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA). **Plum High School** walked away with *First Place* honors that also included a \$1,000 award from the Pittsburgh Chapter NTMA. *Second Place* honors for 2015 go to **Bedford High School**. The *Cooldest Bot* award went to the **Admiral Perry AVTS** robot, Toxic, while **Highlands High School** received the *Catalyst Connection Spirit Award*. There was a tie for *Best Sportsmanship* between **Baldwin High School** and **Freedom Area High School**. The students of **Butler High School** picked up *NCDMM Best Engineering Documentation Award* while **Eastern Westmoreland CTC** took home the distinction of *King of the Ring*. **Chartiers-Houston Jr/Sr High School** was named *Best Rookie Team*.

Executive Director of BotsIQ, Bill Padnos, called this the biggest and best competition yet. "This year marked a Decade of Destruction for the student-built bots, but it's been 10 years of an education/industry partnership in developing and building the future manufacturing workforce. Sure, it's fun, but this program is so much more than that. BotsIQ is making a difference for these students and their future careers, and for the manufacturing industry of southwestern Pennsylvania. We can't thank our supporters enough."

## 2015 PARTICIPANTS:

Admiral Peary AVTS  
 Albert Gallatin HS  
 Baldwin HS  
 Beaver County CTC  
 Bedford HS  
 Brownsville HS  
 Burgettstown Area Middle HS  
 Butler Intermediate HS  
 Butler Senior HS  
 California Area HS  
 Canon-McMillan HS  
 Carmichaels HS  
 Central Valley HS

Charleroi Area HS  
 Chartiers-Houston Jr./Sr. HS  
 Clairton HS  
 Connellsville Area HS  
 Deer Lakes HS  
 Derry Area HS  
 Eastern Westmoreland CTC\*  
 Elizabeth Forward HS  
 Forbes Road CTC\*  
 Fox Chapel Area HS  
 Frazier HS  
 Freedom Area HS  
 Greater Latrobe Senior HS  
 Greene County CTC  
 Greensburg Salem HS  
 Hempfield Area HS

Highlands HS  
 Jeannette HS  
 Keystone Oaks HS  
 Kiski Area HS  
 Mt. Pleasant Area Sr. HS  
 Norwin HS  
 Penn Hills HS  
 Penns Manor HS  
 Penn-Trafford HS  
 Pittsburgh SciTech Academy  
 Plum HS  
 Punxsutawney HS  
 Ringgold HS  
 Riverview HS  
 Seneca Valley Sr. HS  
 Serra Catholic HS

Sharpsville Area HS  
 South Allegheny HS  
 South Fayette HS  
 South Park HS  
 Southmoreland HS  
 The Kiski School  
 Union HS  
 United HS  
 West Greene HS  
 West Mifflin HS  
 Western Area CTC  
 Western PA School for the Deaf  
 Windber Area HS  
 Woodland Hills HS  
 Yough HS

\*indicates 10 year participation

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**\*\* photos available upon request**

