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## OZONE ROBOTICS QUALIFIES FOR WORLDS

*WINS BUCKEYE REGIONAL TO QUALIFY*

**[Cleveland, OH, March 21st]** – On March 21st, Team 4611 from the Olentangy Local School District, otherwise known as Ozone Robotics, participated in FIRST Robotics Buckeye Regional, and won the event, qualifying them to the FIRST Robotics World Championship for a third year in a row. This is now the fourth time in the last five years that Ozone will be headed to Houston for the World Championship.

Ozone Robotics, comprised of students from the four high schools of the Olentangy Local School District, competes globally with teams in the *FIRST* Robotics Competition. Ozone Robotics is currently a top 3 team in Ohio, and a top 90 team in the world. Ozone Robotics also runs and mentors six Middle School Robotics Teams (FTC). These teams have also had success at the State Championships recently with two advancing and competing in the Ohio FTC State Championship in March.

Since the season kickoff on Jan 10th, Ozone Robotics has been hard at work designing, building and programming their competition bot for this year's FIRST Robotics REBUILT season. Their competition bot, "Gertroodles," won the Buckeye Regional in Cleveland, OH, along with Team 27 RUSH Robotics (Clarkston, MI) and Team 10208 Mayhem Manufacturing (Findlay, OH).

With more than a month before the FIRST Robotics World Championship, taking place from April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the team is seeking a second victory this season at the Miami Valley Regional in Cincinnati, Ohio which will be taking place from April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup>. Many other local teams in Central Ohio will also be attending Buckeye including teams from Worthington, Upper Arlington and Dublin. Ozone has previously qualified for Worlds in 2023 through the Buckeye Regional, in 2024 through the Greater Pittsburgh Regional, and in 2025 through the Finger Lakes Regional.

Ozone's win at the Buckeye Regional marks the fourth time in the last five years that the team has qualified to the FIRST Robotics World Championship. Last year the team captained an alliance at the Curie Division at Worlds, making them one of 8 teams in the division to captain an alliance. The team is raising funds for this year's trip down to Houston for the FIRST Robotics World Championship. To Directly Donate to their Houston Trip, you can donate to their GoFundMe:

<https://gofund.me/e052aa518> For more information about how to help support the team and their trip to Worlds visit [ozonerobotics.org](http://ozonerobotics.org). You can also reach out to [ozoneroboticsbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:ozoneroboticsbusiness@gmail.com) for more information.

