



# PRESS RELEASE

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**WHO:** BotsKC Combat Robotics Program  
**WHAT:** Names 2023 Winners  
**WHEN:** Following April 14& 15 2023 competition  
**WHERE:** Johnson County Community College  
12345 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66210

*(April 20, 2023 — Overland Park, KS)* Students from 20 middle schools, high schools and universities across multiple states brought their battle-ready bots to the arena last weekend for a fight to the finish-- and winners emerged! For months, student bot-builders have been readying their 15-pound robots for this annual competition. Paired with industry partners, BotsKC student teams are engaged in every aspect of this gladiator-style competition: designing, building and battling.

Students learn and utilize valuable STEM skills, as well as the intangibles of teamwork, competitive spirit and the pride of ownership. BotsKC congratulates this year’s winners.

### HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL BRACKET:

GRAND CHAMPION – Ft. Zumwalt West, Blitz  
1st PLACE – Ft. Zumwalt West, Blitz  
2nd PLACE – Ft. Zumwalt West, Sabertooth  
3rd PLACE – CPHE  
DOCUMENTATION – Ft. Zumwalt West, Supernova

### COLLEGIATE BRACKET:

GRAND CHAMPION – Kansas State University, Power Kitten Mark 3  
1st PLACE – Kansas State University, Power Kitten Mark 3  
2nd PLACE – Kansas State University, Takeoff  
3rd PLACE – Missouri S&T, Coriolis  
DOCUMENTATION – Kansas State University, Power Kitten Mark 3

There are more than 76,000 manufacturing jobs in the immediate region, and the industry is expected to grow by more than 5 percent in the next decade. Area manufacturers say one of their greatest issues is finding qualified employees to fill the void left by the retiring baby-boomer generation. There are internships, scholarships and jobs available right here, right now.

BotsKC positions students to fill this gap, and they’ll be making an extremely competitive salary. They’re building robots, but we’re building a regional workforce.

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