

## NASA Knights Receives Judges Award

New Horizons' NASA Knights competed in the FIRST Robotics Regional Competition in Washington, February 26-28. The NASA Knights (Team 122) did well and made it to the quarter finals. Although the team did not win the quarter finals, they received high recognition with the competition's judges for stepping in to help the rookie team (Team 2963) from Washington, DC. Due to their severe shortage of operators, our students stepped in and became Team 2963's control team! They put the Anacondia Indians T-shirt on and became a part of Team 2963. The students worked very hard to keep track of two teams throughout the entire competition. Bravo to the students of Team 122! Once again, they left many favorable impressions about New Horizons Regional Education Centers.



[Click here](#) to see photos taken by the Daily Press of Team 122 at work.

## SkillsUSA District Results

Over thirty-five students from New Horizons placed in the top three in the various SkillsUSA *Skills and Leadership* District competitions held in February. The competitions were conducted at various SkillsUSA Virginia District 4 locations over a two-week period. [Click here](#) to see the list of winners.



## Construction Challenge Teams Experience Success at Regionals



On Saturday, February 7, 2009, two New Horizons teams (sponsored by Liebherr Mining & Construction Equipment, Inc.) competed in one of the fifteen regional rallies for the International Construction Challenge competition. Under the direction of team advisors, Mr. Gregg Harris, Dr. David Moffitt and Dr. Peg Mulvey, these participants competed and solved three hands-on, career-based challenges that were designed to engage them in real-world experiences found in the highly diverse construction industry. New Horizons' teams competed against twelve other teams from the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States. **One team won the overall competition** and placed first in the Service Tech., Simulation, Infrastructure, and Manufacturing Design competitions while the other team placed third overall and third in the Service Tech competitions. Both teams qualified to advance to the Championship Finals held in Knoxville, TN, May 19-23, 2009. Congratulations to the students and teachers for their wonderful showing at this prestigious event!

### First Place team included:

Joey Marongelli, Governor's School, Tabb  
Chase Brown, Governor's School, Tabb  
Brittany Hull, Career & Tech, Bethel  
Nathan Christhif, Career & Tech, Poquoson  
Lynn Ray, Governor's School, Tabb  
Kevin Seywald, Governor's School, Tabb

### Third Place team included:

Katelyn Christein, Governor's School, Tabb  
Michael Chen, Governor's School, York  
Katie Rarig, Governor's School, Smithfield  
Adithya Balasubramanian, Governor's School, Tabb  
Ben Breen, Career & Tech, Kecoughtan



## Mentorship Banquet A Success

Thanks to the continuous support of the *Hampton Roads Automotive Dealers Association*, the 2008 AYES Summer Mentorship Banquet held at the Texas Roadhouse in Yorktown, Virginia on February 23, 2009 was a huge success! The banquet, honored mentors, parents, teachers, administrators and junior students who completed their mentorship before returning to New Horizons to finish their senior year.

The mentorship program is successful because of mentors like Dave Johnson of Pomoco Chrysler of Hampton, Paul Moczak of Garrett Motors, and Steve Dill of Newport New Public School Bus Transportation; each of whom have been mentors for many years.

Thank you to all involved for your enthusiasm and support of the AYES program! The mentorship program would not be possible for NHREC juniors and graduates without the support of local automotive businesses and New Horizons Regional Education Centers.

[Click here](#) to see the list of the 2008 summer paid mentorship placements.