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Members of Ashburn Robotics Club's "**Geared UP!**" have received an invitation to represent Virginia and the District of Columbia at the FIRST Lego League (FLL) North American Open tournament to be held at LEGOLAND California from May 16-18, 2014. This tournament will feature some of the nation's premier middle school robotic teams as well as those from Canada and Mexico. Additional details can be found at: <http://www.usfirst.org/whats-going-on/event/13101>.

After winning the First Place Division-1 competition at the VA/DC Regional tournament held at Battlefield High School (Haymarket VA), team **Geared Up!**, advanced to the State tournament at James Madison University (Harrisonburg, VA) where they then won the Second Place Overall Champion Award and qualified for the North American Open.

Team **Geared UP!**, from Ashburn Robotics is a veteran team made up of members Ananya Rajkumar, Allison Duan, Andrew Bolster, Jonathan Vanderlyn, Mihir Kulkarni, Neil Rayala, Pranav Bangarbale, Ritvik Jayakumar and Vishnu Maddipatla. More information about this team can be found at <http://www.ashburnrobotics.com/>.

First Lego League runs these events to get children excited about Science & Technology and teach them valuable employment and life skills. Participation in these competitions involved research for the team project, robot design & programming and team building exercises required as part of the judging rubric. More details can be found at: <http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/fll>.

