



Rochester Adams Robotics Team 245 Michigan State Championship Recap



Michigan State Championship Impact Award

The AdamBots, FRC Team 245, had a very successful weekend at the Michigan State Championship Competition on April 16-18, 2026. The Adambots earned the Impact Award, which is the most prestigious award at FIRST, and honors the team that best represents a model for other team to emulate and best embodies the mission of *FIRST*. This qualifies us to compete for this award at the World Championship in Houston, Texas, and it qualifies us to compete with our robot.

Here is what the judges said about our team: This team's ORBIT includes mentoring along with calls and workshops for other team. They bring the ENERGY as they define sustainability. Their EDGE methodology gets them closer to greatness with each new group of students. As ATOMIC ADVOCATES, no team does more to build relationships and get elected officials EXCITE about STEM in their community, in Lansing, and in Washington, DC. When it comes to Advocacy, this team is ADA-MANT as they work to get other teams involved. Through their Ambassador Program, they share *FIRST* with students across the globe, targeting areas in need. Their passion for curing cancer is truly inspirational as they've raised over \$140,000 through the American Cancer Society. Outreach is in a HOT DENSE STATE for this team, so get ready get the BIG BANG.

Our Impact presenters spent many, many hours practicing and even plan costumes to wear to go with this year's game theme. Two museum curators and Michigan Smith, cousin to Indiana Jones.



Aarya earned the *FIRST* Leadership Finalist Recognition, one of 13 in the State. This award recognized her exemplary passion and effectiveness in advancing the mission of *FIRST*. Aarya will now move on to the World Championship selection process that takes place in Houston, Texas. She has many leadership roles on the AdamBots, and we could not be prouder of her efforts, ability to work with others, and positive attitude.



On Friday of the competition, we wore pink shirts and had pink ducks to help raise awareness for cancer research and also accept donations for our Relay for Life continued work to add even more to the \$140,000 we raised so far.



We had some robot issues during the competition and finished with a record of 6 wins and 6 losses, in 22nd place out of 40 teams on the DTE division. We were not selected for the playoffs. We are already working on a plan to fix the issues so we can be ready for our next event.

We are planning now to attend the World Championship, with our robot, on April 29 to May 2, 2026. We are working with the Gearheads, FRC Team 1189 from Grosse Pointe, to share their bus and travel arrangements. This will really help us with the logistics and costs. We traveled with them two years ago and they are now great friends.