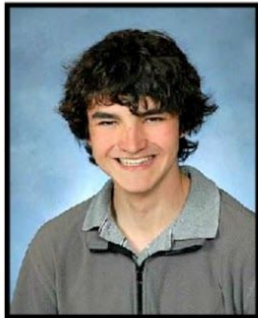


## Team Phoenix Robotics Scores Two Awards at *First* Event

Several Academy for Science and Design (ASD) students partake in



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Team Phoenix Robotics, a Greater Nashua *FIRST* Robotics team that meets at Daniel Webster College (DWC) in Nashua.

Unlike most other FRC teams, Team Phoenix does not have a single school affiliation – the majority of our students come from homeschool groups, private schools, and the Academy for Science and Design. Daniel Webster College provides access to their campus facilities, including their engineering design tools, lab and machine shop space; as well as Mechanical Engineering student mentors. In return Team 2342 helps coordinate and run DWC's *FIRST* Lego League (FLL) tournament each fall.

Students join the team for many different reasons. Sophomore **Liam Bewley**, who is a member of the systems subteam explained his reasons for joining: "I joined because my dad was making my brother join, and I came with them to an open house, and because it looked so fun I decided to join too." The long hours spent together may seem like work, but the students enjoy the intense build season. "Being on this team means a lot to me. I love to be here, and I love to learn." Bewley said.

During the March 5th weekend, Team Phoenix geared up to compete

at the New England Granite State District Event, an event that the team has participated in since 2008. During the event, Team Phoenix competed in 12 qualification matches ending the qualifiers 5-7 (W/L). During the drafting stage for the playoff rounds, Team Phoenix was picked by the 7th seed alliance, also consisting of *FIRST* teams "The Cardinals" (811) from Bishop Guertin in Nashua and alliance

celebrates attractiveness in engineering and outstanding visual aesthetic integration of machine and team appearance. The Safety Award celebrates the team that progresses beyond safety fundamentals by using innovative ways to eliminate or protect against hazards.

In the end, ASD students and Team Phoenix both had a blast and are hoping to do it again at the UNH District event on the 25th and 26th.



Fiona Doyle, Governor Maggie Hassan and Sabra George at the Granite State District *FIRST* Robotics Competition on March 5, 2016.

captains "Potential Energy" (3323) from Campbell High School in Litchfield.

In the alliance, Team Phoenix was eliminated in the quarterfinals to the second seed alliance, although they put up an incredible series and gave them a run for their money. After the matches, Team Phoenix won two additional awards, including the "Imagery Award" and the "Safety Award". The Imagery Award

Team Phoenix is having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on April 1<sup>st</sup> to help raise much needed funds for the team. Visit [www.team2342.org/spaghetti](http://www.team2342.org/spaghetti) to purchase a ticket or for more information.

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