

Battle BotsIQ Builds Real World Work Skills

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A Smashing Success for Engineering, Innovation and Heavy-metal Competition!

BattleBots IQ (BBIQ) is an educational program created by the producers of the wildly successful BattleBots television series. As the television show grew in popularity, so did the number of student fans who wanted to build competitive robots of their own. Through the process of robot building, student's imaginations are captured as they design, build and compete with their own robotic creations. Through this hands-on effort, students gain practical knowledge of math, science, engineering and manufacturing. BotsIQ sparks the enthusiasm of students and the resources it provides to their classrooms.

Second Chance Partners entered three BOTS into the competition:

- 1) Placing 4th in the competition was the Menomonee Falls team engineered and coached by Integrity Wire EDM owner Allen Weiss and staff Don Radeck and Neill Nettlesheim. Team members were Bryan Janke, Robbie Sheibe, Cody Watson and Matt Lutz.
- 2) The New Berlin team of Russell Kotajarvi, Jeff Kopp, Cody Wright and Collin Reeme took their turn in designing and building the Bot with engineering support from Mike Shiels, Ed Janecek and Tom Trawicki of the WCTC Manufacturing Department.
- 3) The Waukesha Generac team of Corey Gamroth, Jordan Vail, Derek Dercola, Jasen Suszek and Kurtis Hickey worked with company engineer Ian Benson.

The high-light of the day for two Second Chance Program students was the awarding of a professional machinist tool chest valued at \$546.00 to both Jeff Kopp and Cody Wright.

