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Two Wallingford Robotics Teams Qualify for World Championships *Including one All Female Team and Led by Female Program Director*

Wallingford, CT (May 9, 2019) - Wallingford Youth and Social Services today announced their selection, and tournament success, in their second straight VEX IQ World Championship Tournament. The VEX IQ Robotics Team, comprised of 25 middle school age students, qualified two teams at the State Championships on March 9th. One of these teams is an all female team that has been competing together for the past two years.

In late April, both teams competed in the VEX IQ World Championships (Louisville, KY). Our teams placed 91st and 151st out of 346 teams competing in the World Championships.

The Wallingford Youth and Social Services, and the Wallingford Parks and Recreation Dept., have been a partner in the development of CT STEM Academy, a Wallingford based program that has been nationally recognized for its work with youth. CT STEM Academy is a model program for supporting STEM learning through a wide range of community based events and activities, including evening, after school, summer camps, Family STEM Nights, academic bridge programs for at risk youth, and a World Championship qualifying robotics club and competition team.

For more information on current STEM program opportunities, through the Wallingford Park and Recreation Department, please visit <https://wallingfordrec.com/info/default.aspx>

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