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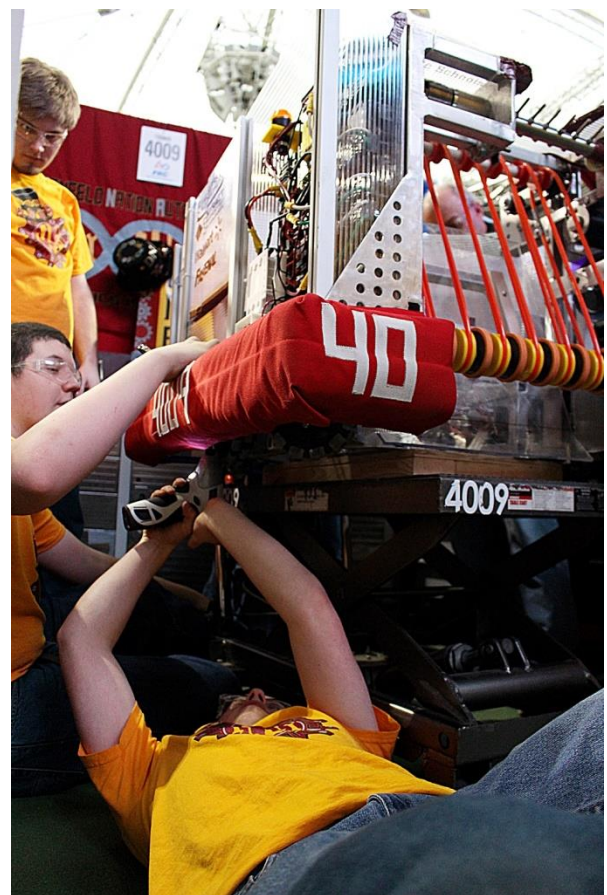
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Denfeld Nation Automation (DNA) FIRST Robotics Team 4009 competed at the Iowa Regional on March 24th and 25th. During qualification matches the team went 7-2, which put the team in ninth place. During alliance selections DNA moved up to the sixth alliance captain position. Denfeld chose Team 525, Swartdogs from Cedar Falls, IA, and Team 6359, TechKnow Difficulties from Aurora, NE as their partners. The alliance placed in the quarterfinals.

In addition to making it to the playoffs the team was awarded the Entrepreneurship Award, sponsored by Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers. This award celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit by recognizing a team that has developed the framework for a comprehensive business plan to scope, manage, and achieve team objectives. The judges recognized that DNA is a part of the non-profit organization, Duluth Robotics, which recently received its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.



Human player, Riley, placing a gear during a playoff match



Fixing the robot between matches