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Denfeld Nation Automation (DNA) Celebrates Accomplishments at Minnesota State Robotics Championship

DULUTH, MN – May 12, 2025 – Denfeld Nation Automation (DNA), FIRST Robotics Team 4009 from Denfeld High School, capped off an outstanding season with a strong showing at the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Robotics Championship held at Concordia University in St. Paul this past weekend. The team demonstrated their competitive spirit and technical prowess, securing impressive victories throughout the qualification rounds.

DNA engaged in several thrilling matches, including a high-stakes nail-biter in qualification match 21, where they triumphed 237-234 over eventual state champion Team 5913, the Patriots. They also secured a hard-fought 166-150 victory in qualification 28 against another eventual champion, Team 2052, KnightKrawler.

Beyond the team's overall performance, individual members of DNA were recognized for their exceptional contributions:

- **Andrew Gunderson, DNA's dedicated Coach, was honored with the MSHSL 2025 Section 7 Coach of the Year Award**, recognizing his leadership and guidance throughout the season.
- **Ben Martin, DNA's exemplary Team Captain, received the MSHSL 2025 All-State Leadership Award**, celebrating his outstanding leadership qualities and commitment to the team.
- **Tanner Weinke, DNA's skilled Build Captain, was presented with the MSHSL 2025 All-State Build Award**, acknowledging his significant contributions to the robot's design and construction.

This remarkable season for DNA, which included participation in four highly competitive events – the Northern Lights Regional (Duluth, MN), the Seven Rivers Regional (La Crosse, WI) where they earned 2nd place, the FIRST World Championship (Houston, TX), and the MSHSL Robotics Championship – would not have been possible without the unwavering support of countless individuals and generous sponsors.

While their competition season has concluded, DNA remains actively involved in community outreach. They will be participating in the **STEAM Day at the Depot on Saturday, May 17th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, located at the Duluth Depot (506 W. Michigan St., Duluth, MN 55802). This event offers a fantastic opportunity to engage with the team and learn more about science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics.

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