

March 6, 2019 - Mt. Bethel Christian Academy's Upper School FTC (FIRST Tech Challenge) Robotics Team #10219, *Batteries Not Included*, is enjoying an outstanding fourth season. The team hopes to finish with a successful showing in Houston next month, where they are returning for a second appearance at the FTC Worlds Competition!

Throughout the season, *Batteries Not Included* won 37 out of 40 matches and was nominated for 14 awards:

League Championship:

- Winning Alliance Captain (won playoff bracket)
- 1st Place Inspire Award (highest honor in FTC)
- Finalist for the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award, the Design Award, and the Control Award

GA State Championship:

- Winning Alliance Captain (won playoff bracket)
- 1st Place Design Award

For a full season re-cap of scores and awards, please visit the [FTC Orange Alliance website](#).

Batteries Not Included team members made time throughout their season to interact with younger students to show them how fun Robotics can be. Their outreach robot, originally nicknamed the Candy-Pult, was designed to be driven around and to launch candy to the crowd. The Candy-Pult was a big hit at festivals this fall. They've also driven around holiday-themed robots, including a Christmas tree robot and CuBot for Valentine's Day. Kids and adults of all ages love robots!!

Now, the team is busy tearing down its robot, fondly named Captain Hooke, and rebuilding it for the next round of competition at Worlds. Follow their progress on their [website](#), [YouTube channel](#), and by following them on [Instagram](#) (search for 10219).

Batteries Not Included team members:

Coaches

Mr. John DuVal, Head Coach
Mr. Jamie Acker, Coach
Mrs. Meridith Burba, Coach
Mr. Calvin Hensler, Coach

Students

Emma Acker
Josh Daniels
Madison Gant
Blake Shafer
Thomas Sharpless
Ben Sterling
Patrick Villareal
Gavin Zielke