

BGCAA Teams Participate in Maryland State FLL Tournament



FIRST Lego League (FLL) held its Maryland State tournament in the UMBC field house on Saturday, January 30th. Three BGCAA teams participated.

The Bywater Boys and Girls Club FLL team (ages 9 to 14) qualified for the state tournament by receiving the Judges Award at the regional tournament held in South River High. The Judges Award recognizes the team that 'walks the talk' relative to the FLL core values including teamwork and gracious professionalism. The winning of this award can be attributed to the highly successful Bywater *Passport to Manhood* program run by Rondel Williams and the FLL team coaching of Lisa Slade and Sandy Stevens. Our Bywater team did well in the robotics competition. In addition, they proudly delivered a presentation summarizing their research project addressing ways to improve transportation in the Bywater Community. They showed considerable initiative by developing a survey of families in the neighborhood of transportation needs.



Congratulations to the Bywater FLL team (pictured above).

Junior FIRST Lego League (Jr FLL) teams from our Freetown and Bates Clubs participated in the showcase for the younger participants ages 5 to 9. Our young boys and girls designed and constructed motorized Lego objects consistent with the transportation theme. The kids explained their displays to judges, other participating team members, and a host of visitors. Our boys and girls had a lot of fun and learned to work as a team on a small scale engineering project.



Bates Junior FIRST Lego League



Freetown Junior FIRST Lego League