

COUNTYWIDE

Lego League

More than 40 local teams competed in the 10th annual Long Island FIRST Lego League Championship Tournament, held last month at Longwood High School in Middle Island.

Tesla Empire, Team No. 2878 of Bayport, won the competition's Champion's Award and next will compete at the North American Open at Legoland in California on May 16-18.

This year's challenge, titled "Nature's Fury," asked students ages 9-14 to build a robot to complete a natural disaster mission, such as positioning an evacuation sign or clearing a runway. FIRST is an acronym drawn from "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology."

Suffolk County's other winning teams and their awards were: Chickenators, Team No. 5570 of East Moriches, Zebra Award; Robotics Avengers, Team No. 9600 of Smithtown, Programming Award; Gear Headz, Team No. 5288 of Rocky Point, Research Quality Award; Eagles, Team No. 18146 of Copiague, Innovative Solution Award; Rocky Point Radical Robotix, Team No. 8434, Gracious Professionalism Award; and Tornadoes, Team No. 14684 of Greenlawn, High Energy Award.