Hagerty Robotics Team Update
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What an incredible season our Hagerty Robotics teams have had this year! Here is an update on Team 4717 and their robot, Buzz, from the World Championship last week in Houston.

It was a great week for all our students as they performed well on and off the playing field. Many students stepped up to volunteer at the event in roles like Queuers, field re-setters, student ambassadors, and pit runners. Their presentation and pit interviews were spot on and received many positive comments from other volunteers, mentors, and teams at the event. We are so proud of the way they carried themselves and represented our program.

Buzz finished the competition in 2nd place, with a record of 8 wins and 1 loss in our division. There was only one undefeated team the entire competition and our team was the only one with 1 loss. We surprised ourselves with how well Buzz performed during the robot matches. The team went into the division semifinals being the 2nd seeded Alliance Captain and choose 2 compatible robots. Ultimately, their alliance lost with a record of 1 win and 2 losses. Despite the loss, our students cheered for the other teams and displayed Gracious Professionalism at all times.

During the award ceremony, the team received the PTC Design Award. No Florida team has ever received a judged award at this level. I was honored as a finalist with the Compass Award (equivalent to coach/mentor of the year). The team made a 1-minute video sharing their thoughts about me as their coach. It’s very humbling and I’m so blessed to have such a great group of students, mentors, coaches, and parents to work with.

Check out more of their videos highlighting the jewel hitter and updated robot reveal below.
Jewel Hitter: https://youtu.be/5PPvC4rfqGs
Updated Robot Reveal with Relic Arm: https://youtu.be/rvYq0gQNd0U

Compass Video: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1YPhsmg9fsWg3Qa88wAwiGOiyCqDKRqWu

Take a look at the students’ thoughts and reflections of the World Championship in Houston. The teacher in me has to have assignments and follow up after events. https://padlet.com/HHSmedia/vlchy3td4ac5