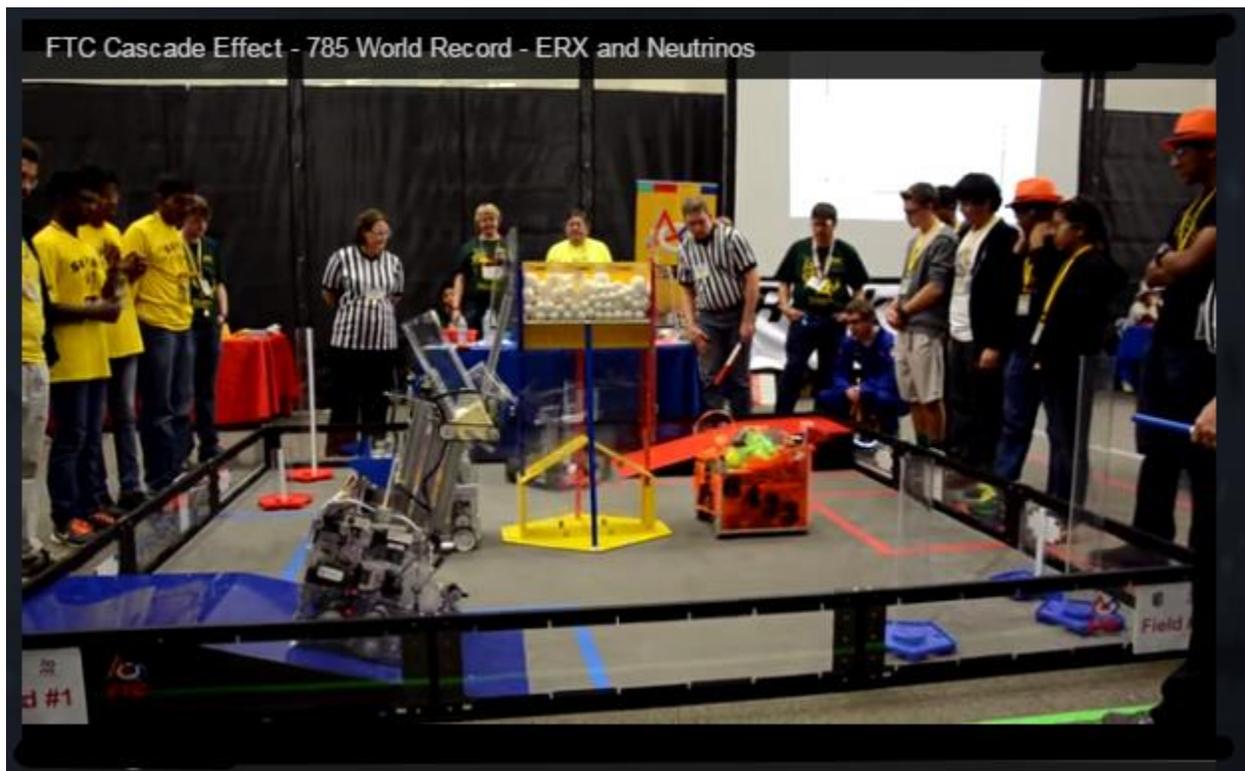


THE “F” BOMB

I recently dropped in on a session of high school members of “TechGarage” at the Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. I had the privilege of speaking with one of TechGarage team members who was passionate about his participation in the world of robotics. He explained how they compete against other clubs in Florida and hope to make it to the national championships. The Delray Atlantic team won the world championship last year and the Florida state championship a few weeks ago.

The club, coaching and extraordinary results are a product of Scooter Willis, PhD. Scooter is the Director of Computational Biology at Avera Health; his time is fully accounted for. I’d never met Scooter and within a moment he made me feel like a friend. Scooter was overseeing this club as a volunteer. His patience and dedication to each of these club members was altruistic. He explained to me what the club was all about. Scooter shared bits and pieces of the industry, robotics and life. It was the “life” portion that indelibly set in with me. He said that some parents would miss the point and display dissatisfaction when their child/club member fell short. Some would act out their frustration openly as their child was unable to perform at the level of others. It was at that point in our conversation that Scooter dropped the “F” bomb. Scooter said that the only way for someone to learn is to “Fail.” That’s right, the biggest “F” bomb of them all, “Failure.” Scooter Willis’ motto is “Fail early and Fail often.” Failure is a chance to learn something new. When something doesn’t go as intended it provides invaluable information to improve. Scooter has it right on! Life is full of challenges, uncertainties, setbacks and opportunities. Life is the most amazing journey of all. Society can be harsh at times. It can be prone to judge us on distorted terms. Humans are much more than their test scores or seeming successes. Scooter’s advice begins with using the “F Bomb” as a stepping stone to achieve our desired results. For additional information refer to these links: [StemHQ](#), [Eagle Robotics](#), [U.S. First](#).



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