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KIPP Delta Collegiate High School Wins National Electric Car Competition

Engineering Students Built Car Used in Race

HELENA-WEST HELENA, AR -- April 20, 2010 -- KIPP Delta Collegiate High School won first place in both high school races and first place overall for all divisions—high school, college, and open—at the Emerald Coast Electrathon Classic in Pensacola, Florida, this Saturday.

Students in KIPP Delta Collegiate’s Principles of Engineering class worked all year to build the electric car, using the skills they developed in math and science courses. Six of those students traveled to Pensacola to compete in the big race.

After the race, car driver Roy Williams said, “What I liked best about winning is that it was our first time racing. We did a good job with the data and everyone worked together as a team and family. That’s why we won.”

Team member Tyishon Weathersby agreed. “It was fantastic. We could not have won without all of the engineering students in our class. It was not just the team that was out there in the pit and racing.”

Oscar Donaby said he was “surprised we came in first place during our first time. I thought we were going to come in the top five. The best part was that we won first place overall and in both high school races. We worked hard together.”

Dontavius Ingram, on the other hand, was not surprised at all at his team’s victory: “We knew we were going to win because we put a lot of effort into building the car. We came with spirit.”

Students will demonstrate how their car works at the Wild Hog Motorcycle Rally and Musicfest in downtown Helena, Arkansas, this Friday evening.

For photos from the race, see

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/deltacollegeprep/sets/72157623767356533>

For more information about the Emerald Coast Electrathon Classic, visit <http://www.emeraldcoastelectrathon.com>

About KIPP Delta Public Schools

KIPP Delta Public Schools is part of the national Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP), a network of free, open-enrollment public charter schools offering a college-preparatory education to students underserved communities. Nationally, over 85 percent of KIPP alumni matriculate to college. As KIPP Delta expands to 12 schools in four communities by 2019, it intends to double the number of students from high-poverty districts in the Arkansas Delta who graduate prepared for college. For more information, visit <http://www.kippdelta.org>

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