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### **Quad Squad wins AMA's first UAS4STEM national competition**

MUNCIE, IN—On Saturday, August 20, middle and high school students from across the US competed in the [UAS4STEM](http://www.uas4stem.org) program's national competition at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana. The student teams built their own drones and competed in various flying challenges for the national title. The contest is designed to teach Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) skills. The 2016 UAS4STEM Search and Rescue Challenge's first-place winners are Quad Squad from Shoreview, Minnesota, who were awarded a trophy, medals, and a \$2,500 cash prize. The PTC Droners of Georgia took second place and the St. Mary's CAP Squadron-O89 of Maryland took third place.

The Dewey O. Broberg Jr. scholarship was also awarded to one of the competitors during the UAS4STEM national competition. The award recognized a team member who showed dedication, determination, and adherence to the rules and purpose of the competition. Congratulations to Paige Hensley, the recipient of the 2016 Dewey Broberg Jr. Memorial Scholarship. The Academy of Model Aeronautics Foundation would like to thank the family of Dewey O. Broberg Jr. for establishing this scholarship, and thank each supporter who has made contributions to the fund.

UAS4STEM is organized by the [Academy of Model Aeronautics](http://www.modelaircraft.org) (AMA), which is the largest association of model aircraft and multicopter hobbyists, with more than 190,000 members across the country. UAS4STEM was designed by the AMA to encourage teamwork, competition, and success through a STEM-based education platform. The UAS4STEM program provides student teams of four to eight people with training, insurance, licensing, and equipment to compete in search-and-rescue challenges. The program is managed by AMA's Education department as part of AMA Flight School. Each of the teams that participated in the national competition earned their spot by qualifying at one of the many regional competitions held throughout the country.

Congratulations to Quad Squad for winning the 2016 UAS4STEM Search and Rescue Challenge! Details about this year's event and how to sign up to compete next year are found on the UAS4STEM website, <http://www.uas4stem.org/>.

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*The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936, continues to be devoted to national airspace safety. It serves as the nation's collective voice for approximately 190,000 modelers in 2,400 clubs in the United States and Puerto Rico. Headquartered in Muncie, Indiana, AMA is a membership organization representing those who fly model aircraft for recreation and educational purposes. For more information, visit [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org).*