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TEAM JAMAICA ROBOTICS 2022 RECEIVES THE SILVER UJAA TAKES A BRONZE AS SPONSOR/SUPPORTER AT THE FIRST GLOBAL CHALLENGE IN GENEVA

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THEY DID IT!

The 6th staging of the **FIRST** Global Challenge in Geneva from 13 – 16 October 2022 ended with a magnificent and worthy placing for Team Jamaica Robotics as the silver medal recipients of the **Albert Einstein Award for FIRST Global International Excellence!**

After competing with various alliances of nations over 4 days and 15 ranking matches, their ranking was disappointing after the final match. However, FGC 2022 is not only about winning or losing as Jamaica's students collaborated and strategized with over 60 countries while meeting their peers from over 160 countries during this year's 'coopertition: cooperative competition.'

There are nineteen awards – 11 qualitative and 8 quantitative. The **Albert Einstein Award for FIRST Global International Excellence** "is the most prestigious award." Mexico received Gold and Germany received Bronze.

In addition, on the submission of the student team, the **Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations (USA) Inc. (UJAA)** received a Bronze Medal for the Al-Khwarizmi Award for Outstanding Supporter. This is also a qualitative award to institutions, sponsors, or governments that assisted a **FIRST** Global team.

Like the other countries, Team Jamaica provided some of the proudest moments as they stuck to their vision and goal that is summed up in Souvenir Magazine which reads in part:

"Team Jamaica is ready to compete fiercely and represent our island nation well, all while maintaining the FIRST spirit of gracious professionalism."*

As sponsors, the UJAA faced and overcame challenges in their goal to provide a unique opportunity once again for some of Jamaica's high school students. In this case, with the input and contributions from the alumni association members of the schools who represented Jamaica, we overcame them. They are Convent of Mercy Academy "Alpha", Calabar High School, Glenmuir High School, Immaculate Conception High School, Jamaica College, St. Andrew Technical High School, and American International School in Kingston.

Team Jamaica approached this year's competition – in their words: "... to compete fiercely and represent our island nation well, all while maintaining the FIRST® spirit of gracious professionalism." In receiving the Albert Einstein Award they did just that! Jamaicans everywhere should be very proud! "We likkle but we tallawah." Congratulations Team Jamaica Robotics 2022!

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