A Judge Advisor’s Advice for Idaho FTC Teams

1) Engineering Notebooks
   - Judges take these very seriously
   - Make sure you follow all the requirements and guidelines in the Game Manual, this will make it easier for the judges to review your notebook, but also help your notebook look and work better.
   - Make sure you tell your story
     - Tell your team’s journey
     - Tell your robot’s journey
     - Tell your outreach/fundraising story

2) In the judging room you have 20 minutes to get nominated for an award
   - Sell your team
   - Point out exactly what you want the judges to look at for each award
     - This is innovative
     - This is design
     - This is our Think story
     - This is our connect
   - Tie your all your award hopes into one narrative
   - Connect with the judges!
     - The judges will be your advocate in the deliberations
     - The judges will return your team number (and name) to the discussions for final deliberations

You have carefully created a game plan for the 2.5 minutes you spend in the arena – and designed, programmed, and learned to drive a robot to meet your arena goals. Make sure you have design, practice, and learn to engage with the judges for your 20 minutes with them!

The story you tell in judging can also be used when approaching sponsors!

Best of luck teams!