

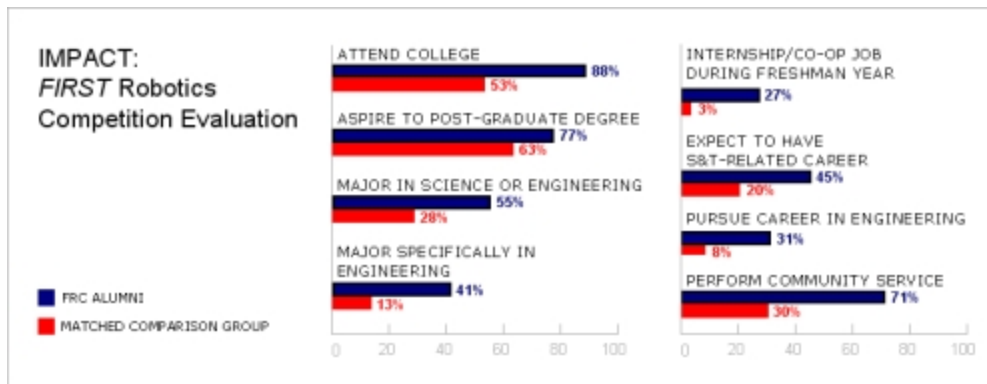


Dear Fellow Community Member:

FIRST Robotics Team 48, Delphi E.L.I.T.E. proudly announces our 13th season. We have been Encouraging Learning in Technology and Engineering in the city of Warren since 1998.

The push for an increased pursuit of science and technology has been in the news constantly of late. The United States has fallen way behind other countries in these fields. It is clear that the future of our children, our community, and our nation depends upon the pursuit of higher education, new technologies, and new industries built upon these new scientific discoveries. It is no longer realistic for new graduates to expect a secure future with a high school diploma alone. As a community, we ***must all*** recognize this, and we must ***all*** take the necessary steps to adapt to this changing world in which we live. Supporting the future of your local *FIRST* Robotics team students is a great first step!

What are the benefits? Delphi E.L.I.T.E. inspires our young people to investigate and experience the many career choices related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) initiatives. The *FIRST* Robotics Competition provides high school students the opportunity to work alongside professional mentors on an engineering project to design, build, and program a robot and compete with and against other FRC teams. *FIRST* competitions are high-tech sporting events where students learn both the joy and agony of competition and the benefits of “gracious professionalism”.



Source: “More than Robots: An Evaluation of the FIRST Robotics Competition Participant and Institutional Impacts”, Brandeis University Survey Study, April 2005

FIRST isn't just about building robots; it's about developing life skills. Team members learn such skills as building professional relationships, written and oral communication, teamwork, organization, project/time management, career networking, budget planning, community service, and fundraising. This partnership between education, local industry, and the community benefits all who participate on the team, students and adults alike. In addition, millions of dollars in scholarships are available to students who participate on a *FIRST* team. This program is life-changing!



How can you and/or your business become involved? Corporate and community sponsors and volunteers are the backbone of all successful *FIRST* teams. Please find enclosed a tiered sponsorship program through which you can directly contribute to the success of your Warren *FIRST* Robotics Team. We publicly thank and recognize our sponsors in a variety of interesting ways!

FIRST is a volunteer-driven organization. We could not accomplish what we have without the direct support of community members - volunteer engineers, skilled trades, teachers, alumni, parents, retirees, and other non-technical mentors. We welcome new volunteer mentors of all shapes, sizes, and skill sets – everyone has a place on Delphi E.L.I.T.E. - come build inspired students with us! We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

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Please send donations to: Warren G. Harding High School
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For more information about *FIRST* robotics programs:

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