



Hauppauge Eagle Robotics

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Dear Dean Kamen, Woodie Flowers, and Dave Lavery

Team 358, the Hauppauge Robotic Eagles, would like to thank you for bringing about the FIRST Robotics Competition, Lego League, and the Vex Robotics Design System. The effect that these programs have had on all our lives, student and mentor alike, has been huge. Many of our up-and-coming young students have already been admitted to colleges such as RPI and Embry Riddle, and received FIRST scholarships directly as a result of the FIRST program; it provides a common thread for our college essays as well as a common topic of conversation in and out of school. Many of our younger students have profited from FIRST as well, learning the skills necessary to pursue a career in their chosen field of science and technology. Finally, the FIRST program has attracted many parents and mentors whose skills and drive had become dormant over the years. Their interest has been rekindled, and they are excitedly passing their knowledge and experience to the next generation.

In short, we thank you for all the work that you have done and continue to do towards spreading the message of FIRST.

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