



Hauppauge Eagle Robotics

Hauppauge High School
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Mr. Hans Zobel
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Dear Mr. Zobel,

As the school year comes to a close we, the student and adult members of the Hauppauge FIRST Robotics Team, thank you for your great support. Your commitment has made possible this year's phenomenal team success, including 1st place at the LI Regional competition (held at Hofstra in March), 2nd place at the Philadelphia Regional (held at Drexel University), and the LI Regional Chairman's Award – the most prestigious award, given to the team that best embodies the “spirit of FIRST” robotics. These awards are, in a sense, your success as well.

Our team volunteer efforts included helping to raise funds for the School-Business Partnership of Long Island (SBPLI), introducing the Hofstra Engineering Dept. to FIRST, and mentoring other FIRST award-winning teams like rookies Roosevelt, Baldwin, and Uniondale. It's most important to us to spread the FIRST experience and expose more Long Island students to engineering, fabrication, mechanics, electronics, and programming, in addition to all the skills not generally associated with an engineering endeavor but necessary for any business, such as public relations, community outreach, writing, presentations, and even artwork. The team received a lot of local press from Suffolk Life, Smithtown News, Smithtown Messenger, The Times of Smithtown, and Newsday, and we display your company name and logo on our team banner at competitions and on our team website (team358.org).

The effect that the FIRST program has had on all our lives, student and mentor alike, has been huge. Your active sponsorship is responsible for scores of Hauppauge students discovering the fascination of engineering through working with professional mentors and pursuing higher education and careers in technical fields. Many of our up-and-coming seniors have been admitted to colleges such as RPI and Embry-Riddle, and have received scholarships as a direct result of the FIRST program.

As our season comes to a close we thank you for helping to make our successes possible through your tangible impact on our community and the future of our young people.

Sincerely,

Patrick Cloke
Team 358 President

Mark McLeod
Team 358 Advisor