

The Impact of FIRST Robotics in Oconomowoc

I learned the importance of teamwork, organization, and determination from F.I.R.S.T. Robotics. I still use those skills everyday of my college life. Nick Glaser class of 2005

I was able to drive alongside of people from Canada, Israel and other countries. It was a fun weekend and very memorable. Eric Hoffmann-class of 2006. Electrical Engineer

"FIRST is the ultimate real life experience that you can get in high school. You have to learn so many things and so many people have to come together to coordinate a successful effort in this program that it is hard to come away without learning at least one thing." Ricky Quinones-class of 2004. Graduate of UW Madison working for VEX Robotics

Other teams will actually show you what they did and how they did it so that you can use some of their ideas in the future. Aimee Langley-class of 2006. MSOE Nursing

"...one of the bright spots in my life and in the life of a lot of people that participate in FIRST is that it brings the best from everybody that touches it. And it gives us hope for the future. That we really can, through science and technology, solve the problems we know about today, prepare for the ones that will come tomorrow, and have better lives, better futures." Dean Kamen –founder of FIRST.

Participation in FIRST Robotics influences students to set higher goals and be determined. This is about more than robots. It is about teamwork, cooperation, competition and professionalism. Our students leave school ready to face the real world. Laurie Vertz –mentor for eleven years.

Robotics has showed me what I want to do with the rest of my life, it has showed me something I am passionate about, and I have had a really fun time doing it. Molly Stieber – class of 2007. Mechanical Engineer MSOE

"We owe it to our kids and to our future to show them how cool engineering can be—before they start college. Only then will we be able to create the innovation that has always made America great. Robert "Buzz" Kross –VP Manufacturing Solutions Division at Autodesk

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