

# Team Sab-BOT-age

## US FIRST Robotics

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Dear Downingtown High School,

The Downingtown Robotics Team would like to thank you for your generous sponsorship this school year. Our teams had several challenges to overcome this year, including the Downingtown teacher's strike and the loss of our lead mentor, Mr. Paul Sabatino (DEHS) to medical sabbatical, but DEWbots still had one of the best seasons in our four-year existence.

We would especially like to thank the DEHS physics and technology teachers for their constant support, especially with Mr. Sabatino unavailable. Mr. Ronald Knickerbocker (Mr. Sabatino's substitute), Mr. Andrew Buchanan, Mr. Richard Bailey, Mr. Ernest Schwenk, and Mrs. Kathleen Linaugh graciously allowed us to work in their rooms and fund a large percentage of our money from their office. The latter three also served as on-site supervisors. Mr. Ronald Lister, in addition to serving as an on-site supervisor, lent us the use of his wood shop. Mr. Schwenk also built our game equipment for the third year in a row.

Due to their consistent support, our FRC and VEX teams consistently placed in the top twenty at competitions and advanced to quarter- and semi- finals on several occasions. More importantly, of over forty teams at the Montgomery Competition in New Jersey, our FRC team was awarded the highest sportsmanship prize, the Team Spirit Award. We also won the second-highest longevity award at the Pennsylvania Robot Challenge. Our teams reached out to the community, providing equipment and demonstrations to other students participating in non-FIRST events. Our VEX team also participated in several other events, including Robo-hoops at Penn State and a robot fire-fighting contest.

Included are several photos of available team members at the Philadelphia and Hartford Regional competitions. We currently have over thirty students, and throughout the year we serve many others through activities as diverse as finance and computer animation. Our team is also lucky to have two-dozen talented and dedicated mentors in areas of mechanics, fluids, electronics, architecture, programming and logistics. Since October the entire team has invested over 8,300 hours of effort into making 2008 a success.

We look forward to your additional support in 2008-2009 as we continue to grow our robotics program in the schools, **directly** supporting your goal of scholastic improvement for students.

Thank you again,

Siri Maley

Captain-Manager, US FIRST-FRC Team 1640

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