

Engineering Inspiration

Team 2424 from Bixby High School is committed to advancing the renown of engineering in every way possible. As we have been given the unique opportunity to take part in the FIRST Robotics Competition, we feel that it is important to spread the word about the experiences and opportunities we have had the chance to take part in. As we recruit others into the fold, those in return can do the same, and the message of FIRST can exponentially spread to all corners of our communities.

On Team 2424, we have done our best to raise awareness in our community and our schools. We contacted a local news station to come out to the high school and do a story on the team. Some of our members even talked to the basketball coaches about doing a presentation with the robot at halftime of a home game. We've also taken the time to simply drive the robot through the halls at school, getting students and teachers to ask questions like, "What is that?" and "What did you build that for?" This gives team members the opportunity to spread knowledge and gain interest to their own peers. Some of the students with questions have even shown interest in joining the team next year.

Some of our members even recently went over to the Brassfield 5th and 6th Grade Center to speak about FIRST and try to create interest for FLL teams. Before they left, two FLL teams were being planned, with full funding already available. Our team members continue to try and recruit younger members who could eventually participate in the high school FRC team. Even though we have already started two FLL teams at Brassfield, we are continuing to try and start teams at other elementary schools. We have raised definite interest in teachers at the Middle School and are in the process of creating teams there as well. We have also begun the process to

start other FRC teams in the area, and are hoping to have some teams in the beginning stages soon.