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Dear Fellow Community Member:

**FIRST Robotics Team 3193, a.k.a. Falco Tech**, proudly announces our sixth season at Austintown Fitch High School.

The need for an increased pursuit of innovation in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics has been in the news constantly of late. The United States has fallen behind other countries in these fields. It is clear that the future of our children, our community, and our nation depends upon the pursuit of higher education, new technologies, and new industries built upon these new scientific discoveries. It is no longer realistic for high school graduates to expect a secure future with a diploma alone. As a community, we **must all** recognize this, and we **must all** take the necessary steps to adapt to this changing world in which we live. Supporting the future of your local *FIRST* Robotics team students is a great first step!

#### **What are the benefits?**

Falco Tech inspires our student members to investigate and experience the many career choices related to STEM initiatives. The *FIRST* Robotics Competition, or FRC, provides high school students the opportunity to work alongside professional mentors on an engineering project to design, build, and program a robot and compete with and against other FRC teams. *FIRST* competitions are high-tech sporting events where students experience the fun and satisfaction of showcasing a robot they designed, built, maintained, and operated themselves.

*FIRST* isn't just about building robots – it's about developing life skills. Team members learn such skills as building professional relationships, written and oral communication, teamwork, organization, project/time management, career networking, budget planning, community service, and fundraising. This partnership between education, local industry, and the community benefits all who participate on the team, students and adults alike. In addition, **millions of dollars in scholarships are available to students who participate on a *FIRST* team**. This program can be life-changing!

#### **How can you and/or your business become involved?**

Corporate and community sponsors and mentors are the backbone of all successful *FIRST* teams. Please find enclosed a tiered sponsorship program through which you can directly contribute to the success of Austintown's *FIRST* Robotics Team. We publicly thank and recognize our sponsors in a variety of meaningful ways!

*FIRST* is a volunteer-driven organization. We could not accomplish what we have without the direct support of community members: volunteer engineers, skilled trades, teachers, alumni, parents, retirees, and other non-technical mentors. We welcome new volunteer mentors of all shapes, sizes, and skill sets. Everyone has a place on Team Falco Tech – come build inspired students with us! We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

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