

TEAM 1718

KNOCKOUT NEWS

THE LATEST FROM THE FIGHTING PI



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The students of team 1718 would like to thank all our wonderful sponsors for helping to fund our team.

Without them, our team wouldn't be able to function.

To the Parents

The Fighting Pi would like to especially thank all of the wonderful parents that donate their time and money to feed and support us on and off the season.

1st District Comp

Week 1 Competition
Gibraltar District, Feb 28-
March 2 at Oscar A.
Carlson HS, Gibraltar, MI

2nd District Comp

Week 5 Competition
Troy District, March 28-30
at Troy Athens HS,
Troy, MI

Quote of the Week

*"The Meaning of life is to
live it to the fullest."*

-Richard Wahl

The Struggles of My Second Year

By: Joseph Nanni

As a second-year member on a team without any fourth year members, I hold an important spot as a teacher for the first year members. While we do have a captain, it is impossible for her to be everywhere at once and teaching every new member everything that they need. My experience from last year has allowed me to be comfortable in this role and to work effectively with the younger students. I have helped to mentor newer members by teaching them wiring, its components, and a bit of programming logic. Nearly all of this knowledge is the knowledge that I have passed on from my prior year of experience. I think that without my prior year of experience our team would be at a major detriment, and I think that my fellow second-year electrical members would agree that it is important that we pass our knowledge on to the newer members. Instead of having to constantly have one of our mentors to explain each and every job to them, we can work much more efficiently as a team when everyone knows what they are doing.

Working on the Website

By: Ashley Burrell

Two summers ago a mentor and I spent the majority of the summer recreating the outdated website we had. Working on the website is a full-time job as the website still isn't completely done and there are constant updates that need to be made. Even now with the new website being up for almost two years, I am still constantly making updates and working to make it better. Now that I am a senior, I am working on training and teaching a younger student to write and understand code so that when I graduate the website will continue to be updated. With website being an almost full-time job, it was hard to find someone who was willing to want to spend that much time learning and trying it for themselves. Now that I have found someone, I can train him and prepare him for when I graduate.

Why I Joined Electrical

By: Even Malbeouf

As a freshman on the robotics team, I have learned so much in the small time I've been on the team, and have been having a great time. There is so much to do and learn. Electrical specifically drew me in because I've always been interested in electronics, and have a chance to learn new things. Everyone on the team is very inviting and eager to teach me everything they know. The first time I went to a meeting, it took me about two seconds to make new friends. The atmosphere always encourages me to get things done. I look forward to the rest of this season, and the years beyond that.

For more team updates, follow us on Twitter @FRC1718, friend us on Facebook at FRC Team 1718: The Fighting Pi, or checkout some posts on our Instagram @Team1718 !

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