



End of Year Update

Team Paragon



Time to Reset!

As Paragon's season wraps up, our team remains busier than ever with post-competition events around the community. The team continues to work on new build projects and make their presence known in Windsor

Shad Derby Parade (May 20th):

This year, Team Paragon marched in Windsor's 52nd annual Shad Derby parade with the Blazing Spirits. The team was full of smiling and waving as they marched while driving our robot from 2 seasons ago, OTIS. The town loved seeing us in the parade, and we once again were able to successfully make our presence known in the community at the most popular Windsor event of the year.



FLL Day (May 30th):

For this event, student volunteers took a field trip from school to the build site where they introduced young students to the world of robotics with three different stations. One showcased our FRC bot, another showed off the FTC team, and a third section allowed to kids to interact with lego robotics in a Jr. FLL-type fashion.



MS Bikeathon (June 4th):

This year the team again made their helpful appearance at the MS Bikeathon. The team arrived and was immediately put to work at their usual station: serving cotton candy and popcorn to visitors passing by.



OTIS Volleyball Tournament (June 9th):

The OTIS Volleyball Tournament was another successful volunteer event for Team Paragon. They were present throughout the day anytime OTIS needed help, whether that meant cleaning up trash and recyclables or making sure each net was properly set up. They also displayed their robot and talked about the team with those passing by to get them more interested in STEM.



OTIS Take Your Child to Work Day:

In order to inspire the next generation, Team Paragon made their appearance at the annual OTIS Take Your Child to Work Day and set up our robot to demonstrate its capabilities. After a quick demonstration, the team allowed the young kids to take turns driving the robot and answer any questions they had about the team and robotics in general. Many seemed interested in joining the team or another robotics team when they get older, so the event was an overall success!



Jaycees Shiela Schmidt Fishing Derby:

At this annual town event, Team Paragon was again able to provide volunteers to help ensure the children had a good time fishing. They set up station right near the water, where they assisted numerous young fisherman putting worms on their hooks and making sure they remained safe (#safetyFIRST!)



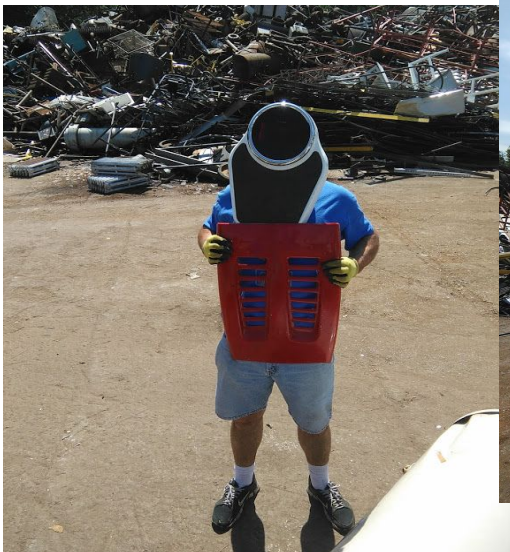
Lions Craft Fair:

At this event, volunteers from the team were ready to take on a variety of tasks over multiple shifts. They helped vendors set up their tents in the morning, took orders for lunch and delivered it to all the stations, and helped take down all the tents at the end of the day. The Windsor Lions Club is ever grateful for the support from the team.



Build Sessions:

Many extra build sessions took place this season in addition to our regular Monday meetings. A lot of recycling was done for scrap metal that we can use later. The team continues to participate in fun activities that still promote S.T.E.M, such as the creation of our own small mascot robot.



← Goodbye cannon :/

End of the Year Banquet:

Instead of our normal end of year banquet at the build site, this year the Robotics team was able to have it at Barts! The owner (mayor) has supported us in the past and this way we were able to support him and the business! The banquet was for sure a success, with great food, a slideshow of memories, and even an ice cream bar (which of course makes everything better). The captainship passed from Amanda and Justin to Cameron and Alanna, and though we are excited for



the new season, we will also miss this year's captains. They did an excellent job leading the team and made Robotics all the more interesting and a great place to be!

~Our seniors are off to new and exciting adventures. Check out where they are all going. Enjoy the next chapter:

Justin Franklin was a member of Team Paragon all 4 years of high school and will be retiring as Co-captain. Attending UCONN, he will study Computer Science.



Mitchell Girard has been a member of Team Paragon for the past three years mainly working on Programming our robot, and helping with build when he could. He'll be attending the University of Maine, studying Business technology.

Joe Petro has been programming and building with the team for the past three years. Studying Mechanical Engineering at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.



Amanda Schwartz putting 3 years of experience with build, programming and a Co-captinship in her belt from Team Paragon. She'll be attending Georgia Institute of Technology studying Mechanical Engineering.

Nicholas Simpson will be leaving Team Paragon after 3 years of helping with build and Programming. He'll also be attending UCONN this fall studying Biomedical Engineering.



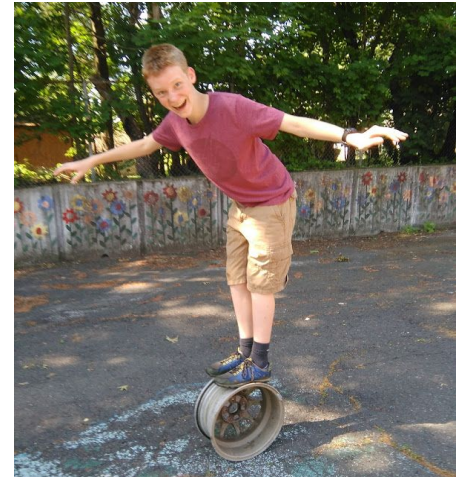
~ Amanda, Justin, Cameron, + Alanna



Note from the new captains:

We're super excited for the new upcoming Robotics year! Many exciting new technologies and adventures are around the corner, with learning Vision Processing and encoders. Hopefully we will also be working on some new projects. Some ideas mentioned were a dedicated Shad Derby Robot or a custom op stick for operating all our robots. That said, this means we need to get fundraising and encourage new students to join the team!

Let's get this season rolling!



And follow this year's adventures here:

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By the way, careful with the water fountain

