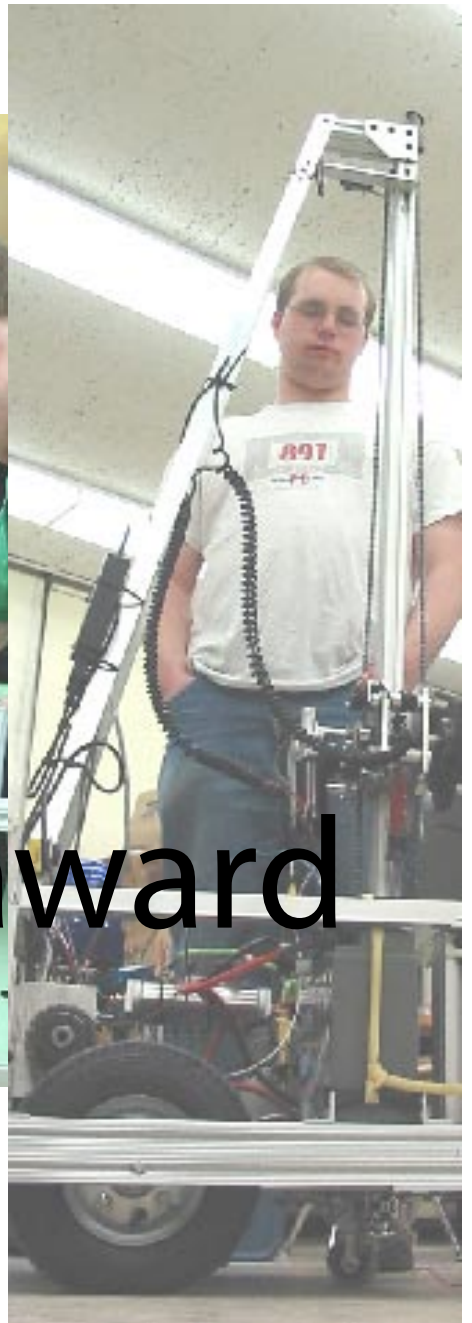


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making strides in our community

In just our second year, the FIRST Robotics team 891 is already exposing the Syracuse City School District community to the wonderful opportunities that a robotics program offers.

Our first year, 2002, we started with a team of about 7 students. This year, we have doubled the size of our program, and we intend to grow farther.

Expanding FIRST in Syracuse

In the coming year, we hope to break our team into smaller teams in each of the four city high schools, bringing this program to more students throughout the school



Josh Close demonstrates that students can be the teachers, too.

district.

Mr. Thomas Procopio, a Physics teacher at Nottingham High School, has agreed to lead a team there next year. He is currently

latching onto our team to learn the process. We will be mentoring this team and other city high school teams as they form in the upcoming years.



Team members dragged themselves out of bed during vacation to watch the kickoff satellite feed.

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getting funded is the hardest part

This year, our second, costs shot through the roof. The size of the team doubled, and our costs went from approximately fifteen thousand to more than forty thousand dollars.

This meant we needed to fundraise quickly. We needed to be sure that we had the money to register for the competitions and make hotel and plane reservations.

We secured an agreement from the school district to use our school's parking lot as an event parking lot for the convention center across the street to raise money. They also agreed to let us take a chunk of the monthly parking fees on the lot adjacent to the school provided we would volunteer to collect the fees.



Another fundraiser this year was selling cans of soda from the classrooms of Central Tech. There was a great demand for it, and it has sold quickly. So far, we've netted over a hundred dollars at a

dollar a can.

Thankfully, with the support of these fundraisers, and our sponsors, we will be able to attend the national championship this year.



Nisa Foster, Ramy Saba, Josh Close and Danny Puckett assist Mr. Brown with the robot.

FIRST and the Syracuse

FIRST's impact in Syracuse has spread beyond the classroom. Projects such as the FIRST program at Central Technical Vocational Center as well as other

technology-based programs have influenced the renovation of Graystone Square building into a new technology-centered high school, the Institute of Technology @Syracuse-Central.

Beyond the local schools, the FIRST program in Syracuse

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students

Akhan Almagambetov
Greg Belote
Tom Brown
Andrew Coye
Zach Clark
Josh Close
Nisa Foster
Aaron Knight
William Passineau
Danny Puckett
Dicey Robinson
Ramy Saba
Jon Wheelock
Patrick Wheelock

teachers

Brian Brown
Kenn Kile
Thomas Procopio

mentors

Peter Liu (SRC)
Jeff Mahon (SRC)
Chuck Pacer (NVG)
Eva Piltch (SRC)
Kristin Pugh (SRC)

