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LESSONS OF IMPACT

Materials will be provided at the meeting.



Lessons of Impact

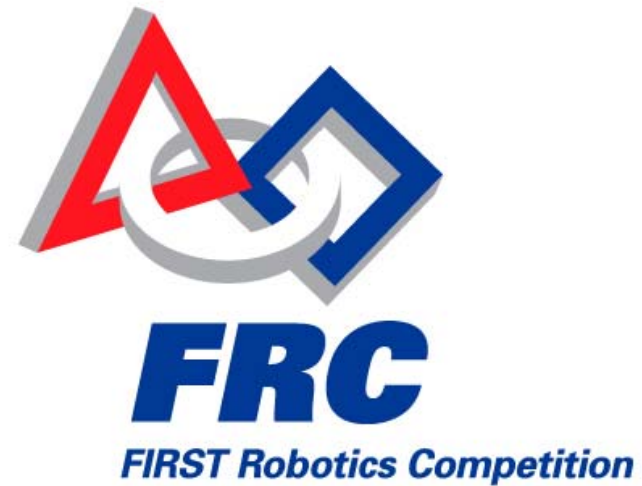
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What lessons in High School have impacted you the most?

“The classes I take at school are important, but if anything they have just prepared me for excelling in my after school activities – after school programs have made the biggest impact in my life and future.”

-Hannah, age 16
High school Junior

ORCHESTRA	1	3	MTWRF
ENG HUMANITIES I	2	1	MTWRF
ENG SCIENCE FIC	2	2	MTWRF
STUDY HALL	3	1	MTWRF
USH ECON HIST 1	3	2	MTWRF
FRENCH D 2	4	3	MTWRF
LUNCH	5	1	MTWRF
LUNCH	5	2	MTWRF
GEOMETRY A 2	6	3	MTWRF
ARCHIT DRAFTING	7	3	MTWRF



FIRST is acronym For Inspiration
and Recognition of Science and
Technology

We worked for **6 weeks**
designing and building
as a team.



Lesson

- Communication skills
- How to working as a team
- The importance of organization

- Professionalism
- Mechanics
- Exploring engineering as a career



Impact

Winning the Portland regional against 64 other teams we went to Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia



This program has influenced many of Tacoma School of the Arts students to pursue a careers in engineering.

FIRST Robotics Organization communicating programs and scholarships available for all students

Student Voice

- Elected by the student body, we meet before school twice a week
- Given a lot of responsibility we develop programs and ideas to improve our school



Lesson



- How to communicate and relate to other schools
- Planning of events, legality
- Communication with faculty and decision making
- Creativity for involving a student body with the community

Impact

- Development of Leadership Team, now all students can be involved in student led events
- Facebook communication of events students are involved in



- Every month coffee is sold with all profits benefiting a non-profit organization.
- Bettering the environment of Tacoma School of the Arts

Mentor Project Group



Every student is assigned to a Mentor Project Group (MPG)

Each group having a different task/project involving the community in some way

The student will have the same mentor all three years of Tacoma School of the Arts

Lessons

- Building friendships
- A connection with a faculty member
- Community contacts
- Guidance through out high school



The four values of TSOTA

- Community,
- Balance, Thinking
- and Empathy



Impact

- Students give back to the community with programs like Day of Caring



- Graduation requirements like culminating project, and portfolio are completed
- Constant communication of what you need to graduate

“The impactful lessons of my high school career never came from a textbook, because paper has never cared about me.”

- Gabby, 17
High school Senior