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Welcome Prospective Team Sponsors!

The Saint Charles Robotics Team, the CardinalBots, would like to thank you for considering a donation of time, money, materials, and/or resources to our team. We realize that you have a choice as to where to spend your charitable contributions, time, and resources and we appreciate your trust in our mission. This letter is intended to provide you with information on our mission, our students, and our outreach.

**Background on Saint Charles Preparatory School**

Since its first graduating class in 1927, Saint Charles Preparatory School has nurtured the minds and hearts of scholars, priests, entrepreneurs, executives, artists, doctors, legal professionals, and community leaders. Founded in 1923, Saint Charles provides a “complete, thorough and sound classical education.” Enrolling approximately 650 boys in grades 9-12, Saint Charles represents the breadth of economic and ethnic backgrounds from the greater Columbus area. On average, forty percent of the students receive need-based or merit-based financial aid. Saint Charles Preparatory School offers a college preparatory program that has maintained its focus on classical teaching, hard work, discipline, values, character development, and service to the community. With its state of the art twenty-three acre campus, Saint Charles is open to any young man who wishes to study in this challenging and faith-focused learning environment.

**Mission Statement of Saint Charles Preparatory School**

Saint Charles Preparatory School is devoted to providing young men in Central Ohio with a fundamentally sound preparation for Catholic/Christian life, specifically for their college or university years. The school’s administration and faculty are committed to modeling and making clear the importance of a personal relationship with God, accurate learning, and an ethic of disciplined work. Saint Charles believes that these three elements are critical components of a competent response to Jesus’ invitation to work toward the complete manifestation of God’s Kingdom.

**Mission Statement of the Saint Charles Robotics Team**

The mission of the Saint Charles Robotics Team is to develop and promote the science, engineering, and technology skills of our students, thus inspiring these young people to be science and technology leaders. In addition to promoting technological skills and innovation, we foster personal skills, such as self-confidence, communication and leadership. In a world where technology continues to advance at an ever-increasing rate, the experience gained, coupled with the skills developed, will prove invaluable to these students as they pursue both technical and non-technical careers.

**Saint Charles Robotics Team - History**

We are entering our sixth year of participation in FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competitions. The FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) is an annual design competition, bringing professionals and students together in teams to solve an intense and competitive engineering design problem. Some historical highlights of the team are:

* In 2012, our first year of competition, we won the Rookie of the Year Award at the Buckeye Regional in Cleveland, Ohio.
* In 2014 we won the Crossroads Regional in Terre Haute, Indiana, allowing us to participate in the FRC Championships in St. Louis, Missouri. Also in 2014, we won the 21-team event in Austintown, Ohio.
* In our 2015 season, we were awarded the “Excellence in Engineering Award” at the Buckeye Regional. We went on to win the OHIO FIRST competition in Dayton, Ohio, in May.
* In 2016, we qualified for the OHIO FIRST competition in May. In September, we won the 21-team event in Austintown, Ohio, for the second time in three years.

**Saint Charles Robotics Team – Present and Near Future**

As we begin our 2016 – 2017 season, we are facing explosive growth in both our number of participants and our external commitments. Our roster of 26 students in 2015 – 2016 has currently expanded to over 40 students for the 2016 – 2017 season. Our percentage of students who identify themselves as non-Caucassion is holding steady at 25%.

In 2015 – 2016, we started a pilot robotics program with Mansion Day School, a coeducational preschool through 5th grade preparatory day school primarily serving the minority population. This program is designed not only to teach the students about Robotics, but to serve as a launching point for a full Lego League team capable of competing in regional competitions. If successful, we plan on further expanding this opportunity to other local schools and students.

In 2016 – 2017, our plan is to continue to grow the opportunities for our students and the community at large in the area of robotics and business. Our intent is to become the leader in robotics training and technology at the high school level in central Ohio. To this end, we are vigorously pursuing opportunities to expand and develop our robotics facilities.

**Saint Charles Robotics Team – Financials**

Although the design, implementation, and operation of our robot is our target challenge, our greatest challenge is to meet our growing financial obligations while still allowing all interested young men to participate in the program, regardless of their economic conditions. Our participation fee ranges from $250 to $500 per student, depending on the involvement of the student.

Our current estimated expenses for the 2016 – 2017 season include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Entry fees for regional competitions - $10,000.00
2. Transportation, lodging, and meals for regional competitions - $12,000.00.
3. Rental costs for facilities - $12,000.00.
4. Robot parts and manufacturing - $4,000.00.
5. Computer resources and software - $4,000.00.
6. Tool acquisition and replacement - $4,000.00
7. Outreach programs - $4,000.00

Therefore, our estimated total budget for this season is $50,000.00. Although our administration and school board are strong supporters of this program, each extra-curricular activity at Saint Charles is self-supporting. We are expecting to receive approximately $17,000.00 in participation fees.

**How You Can Help**

There are several methods by which businesses and individuals can help us make our 2016 – 2017 season a success.

1. We are in need of technical and professional mentors to help guide the team members. We need mentors in the following areas: CAD/CAM, programming, web design, social media, project management, mechanical engineering, physics, financial management, and marketing. This would be a time commitment of 2 to 4 hours per week during January and February of 2017.
2. We are in need of machining tools (such as a drill press and a lathe) and power tools (such as power drills). Used tools are highly appreciated.
3. We are seeking partners to sponsor our team financially for the 2016 – 2017 season. Information on sponsorship levels and benefits are attached. As our team is associated with Saint Charles Preparatory School, a 501c3 tax exempt school with a tax identification number of 31-4379501, all donations are considered tax deductible under the applicable local, state, and federal statutes.

With the support of individuals, such as yourself, and/or organizations, such as yours, we will be able to continue our participation in FRC.

For financial donations to the team, we accept checks or credit cards. Checks should be made out to Saint Charles Preparatory School and be sent to:

Saint Charles Preparatory School

Attention: Joseph Moyer

2010 East Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43209

For financial donations via credit cards, please contact Mrs. Cherri Taynor at (614) 252-9288 during normal school hours. All financial donors are eligible for additional benefits as detailed in the Sponsor Benefit Information sheet included with this letter.

For donations of time and resources, please contact Mr. Joe Moyer directly at (614) 352-7068 or via email at stcharlesrobotics@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of our program, we would like to have all our sponsors identified by December 30, 2016! I look forward to an exciting and successful 2016 – 2017 season.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Moyer

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Team Moderator/Head Coach

Cardinalbots FRC Team #4269

Sponsor Benefit Information

### Levels of Sponsorship

### All Sponsors

### Members of the team will give a complimentary presentation and interactive demonstration to individuals or groups that sponsor our team

### Diamond Sponsor - $5,000+

* Tournaments: Your company thanked during competition alliance selections
* Robot: Large logo of business
* Banner: Large logo (displayed at events and tournaments)
* Team T-Shirts: Large logo on back of shirt (worn at events and tournaments)
* Website: Logo and link on sponsorship page, and logo on first page
* Memorabilia: Thank you plaque and CardinalBots T-shirt.
* Invitation to end of season celebration

### Platinum Sponsor - $2,000 - $4,999

* Robot: Medium logo of business
* Banner: Medium logo (displayed at events and tournaments)
* Team T-Shirts: Medium logo on back of shirt (worn at events and tournaments)
* Website: Logo and link on sponsorship page
* Memorabilia: Thank you plaque and CardinalBots T-shirt.

### Gold Sponsor - $1,000 - $1,999

* Robot: Small logo of business
* Banner: Small logo (displayed at events and tournaments)
* Team T-Shirts: Small logo on back of shirt (worn at events and tournaments)
* Website: Logo and link on sponsorship page
* Memorabilia: Thank you plaque and CardinalBots T-shirt.

### Silver Sponsor - $500 - $999

* Robot: Business card size logo of business
* Banner: Business card size logo (displayed at events and tournaments)
* Team T-Shirts: Line of text on shirt (worn at events and tournaments)
* Website: Logo and link on sponsorship page
* Memorabilia: Thank you letter and CardinalBots T-shirt.

### Bronze Sponsor - $25 - $499

* Robot: Line of text with business name
* Social media: “Shout-out” on Team Facebook and Twitter page
* Memorabilia: Thank you letter

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| Sponsorship Information |  |  |

There are many ways to help our team. Checks should be made out to St. Charles Preparatory School, a 501c3 tax exempt school, tax ID# 31-4379501. If you would like to provide assistance, please detach this form and return it to us at:

**St. Charles Preparatory School**

**Attention: Joseph Moyer**

**2010 East Broad Street**

**Columbus, OH 43209**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**My organization would like to become a:**

 Diamond Sponsor: $5,000+ Platinum Sponsor: $2,000 - $4,999

 Gold Sponsor: $1,000 - $1,999 Silver Sponsor: $500 - $999

Bronze Sponsor: $25 - $499

Enclosed with this form is our check made out to St. Charles Preparatory School for $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**My organization would also like to help by providing:**

Professional Mentors Materials Tools

 Meals Machining

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