



Dulaney High School
Robotics Team

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Hello:

My name is Courtney Dunham. I am a student at Dulaney High School and the business manager of our robotics team, which is a participant in the organization US FIRST, a program *For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology*. Each year, teams of high school students from all across the United States, as well as many from outside the country, participate in competitions held by FIRST at the regional and national level. The functions of the robots change slightly from year to year. Such changes help to level the playing field and mean that students must plan and build a new robot every year to meet the new challenges presented by US FIRST. With their robots completed, students then participate in regional competitions in effort to qualify for the national championships in Atlanta, GA.

This is our inaugural year entering the First Robotics Competition and we will be competing in regional competitions in Annapolis and Pittsburgh. Unfortunately, this great experience does not come without costs – fees for entry, transportation, and accommodations for these competitions, as well as the costs of the building process and many other expenses, which total over \$20,000. Though we anticipate a NASA grant of \$10,000 will remove a large amount from that total, a considerable sum will still remain. For this reason, we would like to solicit your help in making our first year of robotics a success at Dulaney. Funds donated to the club are made payable to *Dulaney High School, Attention: Mr. Bruneau*. Your assistance does not need to be just monetary. We would appreciate donations of materials, scientific knowledge, or time in assisting us to develop the best robot possible.

We believe that the integral partnerships developed between schools, businesses, and universities provide an exchange of resources and talent. They highlight companionship and dedication, while building cooperation. Exposure to new career choices within the scientific and engineering fields gives students direction. The result is a fun, exciting and stimulating environment in which all of us discover and realize the important connection between classroom lessons and real world application. Your participation can create a strong partnership with long-lasting effects.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Courtney Dunham
Business Manager