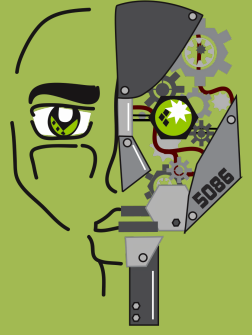


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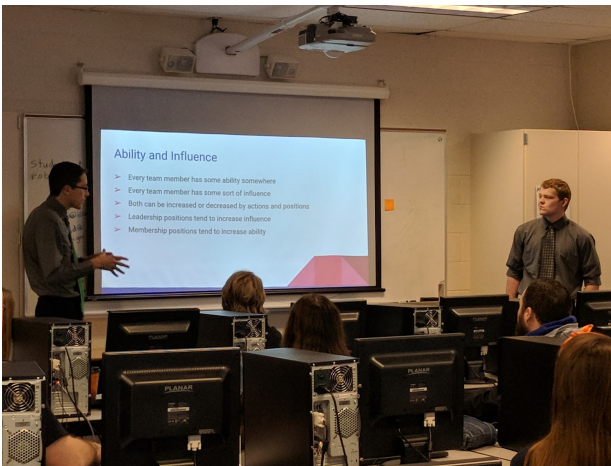
ROBO TIMES



Powering Up for the 2018 Season

Teaching and Learning at the Petoskey Paladins Robotathon

Written By: McKinsey Crozier



PETOSKEY - At the 2017 Robotathon, members of the Cadillac Connectors were able to take part in the action, attending workshops and information sessions about how to improve our team. Sessions feature everything from programming to leadership to safety, and all of them are dedicated to helping FIRST teams like us improve our standings and grow our teams.

Members of Team 5086 also joined in on the presentations. Former Captain Andrew Peters and current Captain Josh Jacobson gave an early morning presentation on leadership, communication and participation. Later, Josh, along with Programming Captain Tucker Bachman, gave presentations on using Java and coding for a robotics team. Non-Engineering Captain McKinsey Crozier also presented, providing tips to other teams on writing their Business Plan and winning the Entrepreneurship Award.

Pictured: 2017 Captain Andrew Peters and 2018 Captain Josh Jacobson present at the Petoskey Robotathon on effective leadership and communication.

New Season, New Leaders

Meet our newest team captains!

Written by: Erin Dusa

CADILLAC- The beginning of a new season means new people and updated leadership roles. Since the end of last season we've had a 64% increase in team members. Five of those new members landed leadership roles including Jacob Baughan- Safety Captain, Erin Dusa-Marketing Captain, Sarah Dusa-Scouting Captain, Lucas Kendall-Recruitment Captain and Jonathon Vo- Community Outreach Captain. "It's pretty cool to be presented with a captain position as a new member," said Safety Captain Jacob Baughan. Jacob has already begun planning safety training sessions to get every Connector CPR and First Aid certified. Jacob isn't the only new leader who has been in action, Recruitment Captain Lucas Kendall has been busy going around to classrooms and holding informational meetings to gain more members before kickoff. As we continue the new season look for new updates on how these new leaders adapt to their elected roles.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, January 6th: Kickoff
March 1-3: Traverse City Districts
March 15-17: Gaylord Districts
April 11-14: Michigan Regionals
April 24-28: World Championships

*If you have an event that you need volunteers at, please contact us via social media or email at frcteam5086@gmail.com
We are happy to help!*

Prepare for Kickoff

The Final Countdown to Build Season

Written by: McKinsey Crozier

CADILLAC- With just two weeks until kickoff the team has been very busy preparing for a new competition season. The 2018 season theme is PowerUp, centered around vintage arcade games. This year, a new game will be revealed on January 6 -- and you are invited to join us as the game is revealed at the Cadillac Community Auditorium!

This year, we will be brainstorming, presenting the kickoff video, and providing information about our team to parents, sponsors, and community members who are interested on Saturday, January 6 from 10AM to 3PM. Feel free to join us for part or all of the day as we prepare for a wonderful season!

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A Connectors Mind

Written by: Erin Dusa

After being interested in math, science in robotics since middle school, junior Joshua Jacobson now serves as our newest team President.

Since joining robotics his freshman year Josh believes it has "made me more assertive and has given me the confidence I need to succeed. He served as our programming captain for his sophomore and junior years.

Since his first year our team has almost tripled in size yet Josh continues to represent everything a Connector needs to be. He actively participates in Engineering as well as Non-Engineering. He has engaged in numerous Community Outreach events. He has served as a role model for our newest recruits by spreading his extensive knowledge and allowing everyone to feel welcomed and involved.

When not connecting with us Josh spends his time as an active in the band and a member of the yearbook staff and has had roles in the past two high school plays.

Stay tuned to keep up to see what Josh does this year!