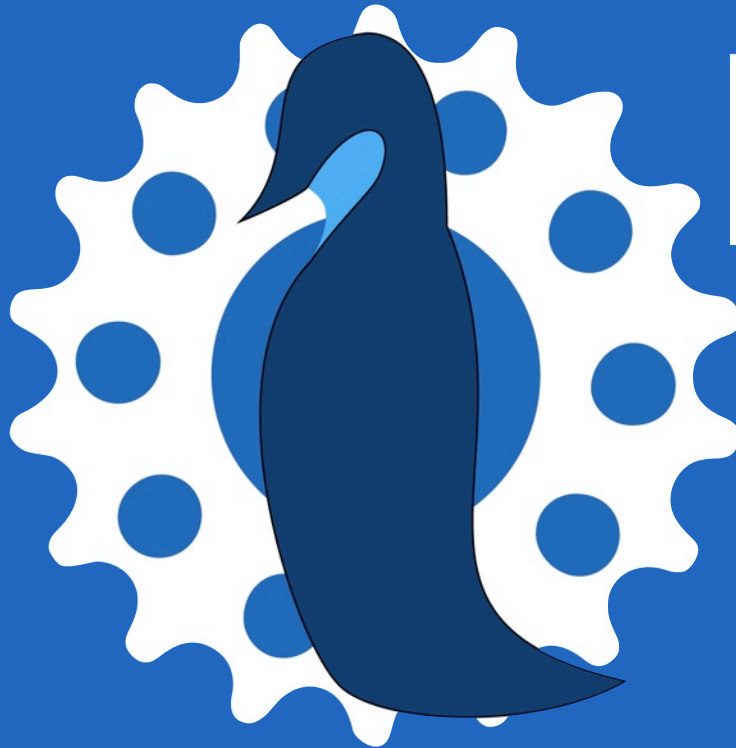


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# MPAror ROBOTICS

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**MOUNDS PARK  
ACADEMY**

**TEAM #3926**

**ST. PAUL, MN**

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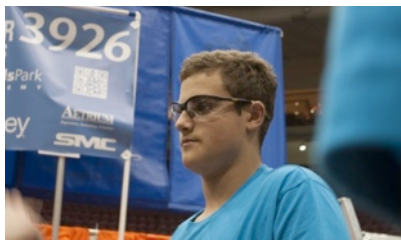


Front Row: Megan Wright, Liza Amaral, David Rozinka, Theo Honda, Michelle Galbavy, Chloe Castaneda, Betsy Krenkel

Back Row: Angela Gerdts, Brendan Boyle, Arabella Garvey, Isabel McKeown, Vincent Thao, Jake Levesque, Mikey Wilke, Schuyler Rosefield, Connor Olson, Jamie Sobalvarro, Alex Grabanski, Sam Wilson, Ryder Marsden

## MEET THE MPARORS

Mounds Park Academy houses approximately 200 Upper School students – 25 of which are members of the MPAror *FIRST* Robotics Team of 2013. Last year, the team was registered as a Rookie Team, which means it was the first year MPA participated in the *FIRST* Robotics competition. So far, the team is working hard on assembling the robot in time for the Simley Invitational on February 16<sup>th</sup>. It's looking great so far! Additionally, the team is slowly but steadily finding several eager and much appreciated sponsors of every level.



Brendan, a junior, is the captain of Marketing, Sponsorship, Scouting, and the Design Team. He also helped create the MPA FIRST Robotics team in 2011.

### 1. How and when did you get started with robotics?

I started at FIRST Lego League in sixth grade, finished in seventh with MPA. I competed with East Ridge in 8th and 9th grade in FIRST Robotics. Then I helped start the MPA Robotics team last year. I've been on the team since then!

### 2. What is one thing you want everyone to know about robotics?

There is a spot for everyone, no matter what your interests are! You can always participate.

### 3. How do you plan to incorporate what you've learned from robotics into your future life?

I'm planning to be a computer scientist/biomedical engineer so I'll definitely be using skills from robotics in my future life.

### 4. What areas of the team are you involved in? What is a goal you have for yourself in robotics this year?

I'm a captain, so I'm involved in almost everything. A goal for this year is to have a successful robot and qualify for nationals.

# Join MPA for MARBLE MANIA!

Join us on February 2nd from 12-2 in the Nicholson Center for Marble Mania!

During this community design and build session, students of all ages will create a track for a marble to roll using a variety of materials. For more information, please visit the Create@MPA blog.

<http://wp-blogs.moundsparkacademy.org/create/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 2 - "Marble Mania" Open to the Community
- February 16 - Simley Invitational, Inver Grove Heights
- February 19 - Stop Build!
- March 28 - 30 - North Star Regional, University of Minnesota
- April 24 - 27 - World Championship, St. Louis, MO

## GOALS

- Raise \$25,000
- Compete at the National Competition in St. Louis, MO from April 24 - April 27
- Continue community outreach through summer programs and public events

## SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Our team is fully funded by our sponsors. Sponsorship can come in the form of materials, mentors, or monetary donations. To continue to build and compete, we need support by sponsors.

Our current sponsors include:

- jcpenny
- NASA
- SMC
- MPA Parents

If you are interested in sponsorship, please contact Nicole Koen:

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