

# 2021-2022 SEASON RECAP

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When it was announced Team 8726 was not advancing to FIRST World Championships, it was effectively the end of our inaugural season as the CryptoHawks. As disappointed as the team was to not advance to the biggest robotics stage in the world as a rookie team, there was also a lot to celebrate and be proud of. When looking at the statistics and feedback from other veteran teams, 8726 was one of the most dominant and strongest rookie teams in recent history, stockpiling points and wins while we were still getting used to the whole thing

## Final Touches

As the build portion of the season is set to be over on Tuesday Feb. 22, 2022 (or as we call it, 2sday), the only thing really left for the team is to finalize the programming, make sure all the parts are functioning well together, and putting the final cosmetic touches on it (because nobody wants to see a bunch of wood and wiring). Hoping to be done by Tuesday afternoon, we are hosting an open house to demonstrate the robot and what it does in the Auxiliary Gym on Thursday, February 24, 2022, from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Students, Staff, and Parents are invited to come watch us test and show off the robot, and what actual competitions might look like.

## How To Watch Us At Competitions

As previously stated, we are competing in two events, the CHS District Greater DC Event #2 Day 1 on March 12, 2022, and the CHS District Greater DC Event #3 Day 2 on March 23, 2022. Competitions will be streamed directly from the FIRST Official Twitch channel, which can be located at <https://www.twitch.tv/firstinspires>. We will also be posting team related photos and information on our Instagram (@uhsrobotics).

## Sponsorship

Onto a more serious note, being part of the club is a very educational and interactive experience, teaching you new things and opening new opportunities to the world of STEM and Engineering. This, however, is very costly in terms of funding and building the robot, and entering the team into competitions. Considering this is our inaugural year, we had some previous connections in terms of sponsors and grants. However, as students graduate or shift interests, those opportunities close, and we are back in the hunt for more sponsors. Without sponsorship money, we cannot compete or even create the robot that will compete in the events, and therefore would not be able to compete in future competitions.

If you, or someone you know has contacts to a company that is willing to sponsor us, please feel free to contact Mr. Holmes at [joshua.holmes@fcps.org](mailto:joshua.holmes@fcps.org). We also have a sponsorship letter that you can look at, which breaks down the perks and reasons of being a sponsor of the Cryptohawks, which can be found at [📄 Sponsorship Letter 2022](#)

## Team Accomplishments

ONE TEAM



ONE URBANA

Team Cryptohawks consists of 36 members, and 3 mentors, those being Mr. Holmes, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Lillibridge. We have all been working non-stop for the last couple weeks, ensuring that everyone is involved in some way, making sure that everyone is putting their best selves forward. We hope this will inspire more of you guys to join us, and to proudly represent Urbana in the future!

## Thank you!

We'd like to thank you for taking time out of your day to keep up with the Cryptohawks, and we greatly appreciate every supportive gesture from the sponsors, parents, and mentors that help us live up to our potential. Shout out to our sponsors:



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Website: [Urbana Robotics Team](https://urbana-robotics-team.github.io/)

Youtube: [Cryptohawks - FRC Team 8726 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8726)

