Engineering Portfolio Silver Eagles #21428

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Meet Our Team

We are the **Silver Eagles** from Salesian High School in New Rochelle, NY. We first formed in 2021, starting with 4 members all new to the world of robotics. We've since grown to 13 members and have setup an infrastructure to be able to teach new members the skills they need to contribute in many ways. We're comprised of students, ranging from 9th to 12th grades, all from the NYC and Westchester areas.



DavidCoach



Charlie Captain



Michael Captain



Jorge Lead Builder



Andres Youth Mentor



BrandonMentor



Curtis Programmer



Michael Lead Designer



QuincyOperations



Aiden Builder



Ms. Gomez-Botero
Mentor



WilkinBuilder



Walter Youth Mentor



Kai Builder



Alex Builder

Goals

Post-Competition Reflections

What Went Well

Improvement Areas

Action Items

First Competition

 Drive train is intuitive and reliable

- · No autonomous
- · Add autonomous functionality
- · No drone launcher
- Switch from passive intake to active intake
- · Can't pick up more than I pixel
- · Add drone launcher
- Can't pick up pixels reliably

Second Competition

- Autonomous parking
 Active intake can pick up pixels
- · Able to place pixels on board one at a time reliably
- Autonomous program can't place pixel on board
- Drone launcher can't clear the field reliably
- Active intake sometimes takes a few seconds to bring pixel onto plate

- Add ability to pick up and place two pixels at once
- · Add more detailed autonomous capability Improve drone launching capability
- Add hanging capability

Community Outreach

Our commitment to community outreach is at the core of our First Tech Challenge journey. Through programs like the Saturday Academy, collaborations with Edgemont Robotics, and engagement with Don Bosco Prep, we strive to inspire, educate, and empower the next generation of engineers. These initiatives showcase our technical prowess and exemplify our dedication to building a solid, inclusive robotics community.

Saturday Academy

One of the ways we reach out to the community is by holding a Saturday academy, a dynamic program designed to introduce young minds to the exciting world of robotics. Local kids from grades 6–8 can learn the fundamentals of robotics, coding, and problem-solving every Saturday. We aim to inspire the next generation of engineers and innovators through engaging hands-on activities and interactive sessions. They work directly in our lab, and most of the materials they use are 3D printed by our lead 3D designer, Matthew Carrasco, during our meetings.

School-Wide

Alternatively, we source our outreach through community held club fairs, in-school advertisements, as well as announcements relating to the team's success and status within competitions. This has attracted several new members, many of whom take leadership roles quickly. Such outreach has also provided an interest and cooperation from those outside of the program and realm of robotics, not only assisting in the development of already existing projects and ideas, but allowing new ones to be created through such collaborations.

Collaborations

Our involvement with Edgemont Robotics has led to notable achievements, including successful competition performances and increased student participation. The camaraderie built through this collaboration has created a robust support network within the broader robotics community, fostering an environment where knowledge and expertise are freely exchanged.

Our commitment to positively impacting students' educational experiences is at the heart of our community outreach. Our team actively engages with our brother school, Don Bosco Prep, who helped us with our process of building a team in our opening stages two years ago. This initiative introduced students to the world of robotics and aligns with our mission to promote STEM education and foster a passion for technology.

Through sustained efforts at Don Bosco Prep, we have witnessed a significant growth in interest and participation in STEM-related activities. By incorporating robotics into the school's educational landscape, we contribute to the holistic development of students, preparing them for the challenges and opportunities in the rapidly evolving technological landscape.