

Dear

Center Grove High School's Red Alert Robotics Team 1741 is entering its 11th year of competition. We are now a veteran team and going strong. Our returning and new team members are looking forward to the 2016 build season.

Thanks to our generous supporters our team had another successful season in 2015. Our team participated in two district competitions, which is new for Indiana, and we qualified for the State District Championship. At the Lawrence North district we won the **Judge's Award**. At the Purdue University district we earned the **Engineering Inspiration Award**. At the Indiana district championship held at Warren Central HS, we won the **Gracious Professionalism Award** and qualified for the **FIRST World**

Championships because of the points earned throughout the district events. We finished our season at the *FIRST* World **Championship** in St. Louis, where we were chosen for eliminations and made it to the Quarterfinals.

FIRST Robotics not only impacts team members while they are on the team but for a lifetime. Recently, Brandeis University's Center for Youth and Communities conducted an independent, retrospective survey of **FIRST** Robotics Competition participants and compared results to a group of non-**FIRST** students with similar backgrounds and academic experiences, including math and science. Highlights of the study's findings include:



2015 Robot for Recycle Rush

- More than 3 times as likely to major specifically in engineering.
- Roughly 10 times as likely to have had an apprenticeship, internship, or co-op job in their freshman year.
- Significantly more likely to expect to achieve a post graduate degree.
- More than twice as likely to expect to pursue a career in science and technology.
- Nearly 4 times as likely to expect to pursue a career specifically in engineering.
- More than twice as likely to volunteer in their communities.

Please help Team 1741 continue to make an impact by considering a **tax deductible** donation to our team. **Donate online**: <u>www.redalert1741.org</u> - Click on Donate Button <u>or return the enclosed form</u> with your check.

We appreciate any amount you can donate.

Sincerely,