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Center Grove High School's Red Alert Robotics Team 1741 is entering its 14th year of competition. We are now a veteran team and going strong. Our returning and new team members are looking forward to the 2019 build season! We would like to ask for your assistance and support.

Thanks to our generous supporters, our team had another successful competition season in 2018. We participated in two district competitions, and we qualified for the State Championship in Kokomo. At the Tippecanoe district, we won the **Chairman's Award**, the most prestigious award in FIRST. This award focused heavily on our ability to contribute as leaders within our community. At the **Plainfield** district, we won the **Entrepreneurship Award**, which recognized our team's Business Plan and the **Safety Award**. At the **Kokomo State Tournament**, we earned the **State Championship Chairman's Award**, automatically qualifying the team to compete at the FIRST Championship in Detroit.

We concluded the competition season by celebrating at our annual team banquet at Center Grove High School and honoring the seniors who have spent many years on the team. In addition, several students were recognized for earning a varsity letter because of their incredible commitment to participating in outreach to community members of all ages! We have continued to honor the ability for our Red Alert team to grow robotics learning within our school district at both the elementary school and middle school levels.

FIRST Robotics impacts team members not only 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 them to a group of non-**FIRST** students with similar backgrounds and academic experiences, including in math and science. The survey found that **FIRST** participants were:

- more than three times as likely to major specifically in engineering;
- roughly ten 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 four times as likely to expect to pursue a career specifically in engineering; and
- 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: www.redalert1741.org - Click on the Donate Button** or return the enclosed form with your check.

We appreciate any amount you can donate.

Sincerely,