

It's only been three years – three years since I first walked into a garage lined with machines, first watched the robot traverse the field from the bleachers, and first stayed up to build the robot.

Now, I no longer walk into a garage because I instead walk into Room 612. I no longer watch from the bleachers because I now coach from the driver's station. And, I am no longer surprised when I stay up for robotics, because it is what I love to do.

Just as I have grown, so have the prowess, image, and efficiency of *FIRST* Team 846. I have developed invaluable skills on the team that I would never trade for anything. Communicating with corporate sponsors, building a team image, and working with machines are now experiences that will undoubtedly place me ahead as I approach studies in engineering. As I finish my final year as a Funky Monkey, I hope to see none other than growth in the inspiring activities taken on by our members each and every day.

For all those out there, join robotics! As for me, it was a leap of faith that now makes me who I am.

-Diane Wang, Co-President  
2012-2013

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Stay prideful, stay spirited, and stay determined – good things will come...  
Go Funky Monkeys!

Aditya Majumdar  
Columbia University '15



LYNBROOK ROBOTICS – *FIRST* Team 846  
*Ultimate Ascent – 2013*

If I imagine my life as a big machine, then robotics is the place where I learn to place each bearing, each gear, and each wire into its respective place. To me robotics is a place where I can always find a friend, enjoy myself, and learn. My three years in robotics have brought experiences and memories which will continue to follow me in life. This club has taught me lessons that will follow me into my future career. And I established friendships which will most likely last forever.

When I first thought of joining robotics I thought I would not be smart enough to do anything useful, but after I joined the team I realized this wasn't the case; the mentors and veteran members took me in and taught me machinist techniques and design skills to the point where I could build a part on almost any machine in our workshop. Working alongside members and mentors who are passionate about what they do is the reason why this team will always have a place in my heart. If life is a big machine, robotics would be the place I learned to design and manufacture it.

-Michael Lin, Public Relations  
2012-2013

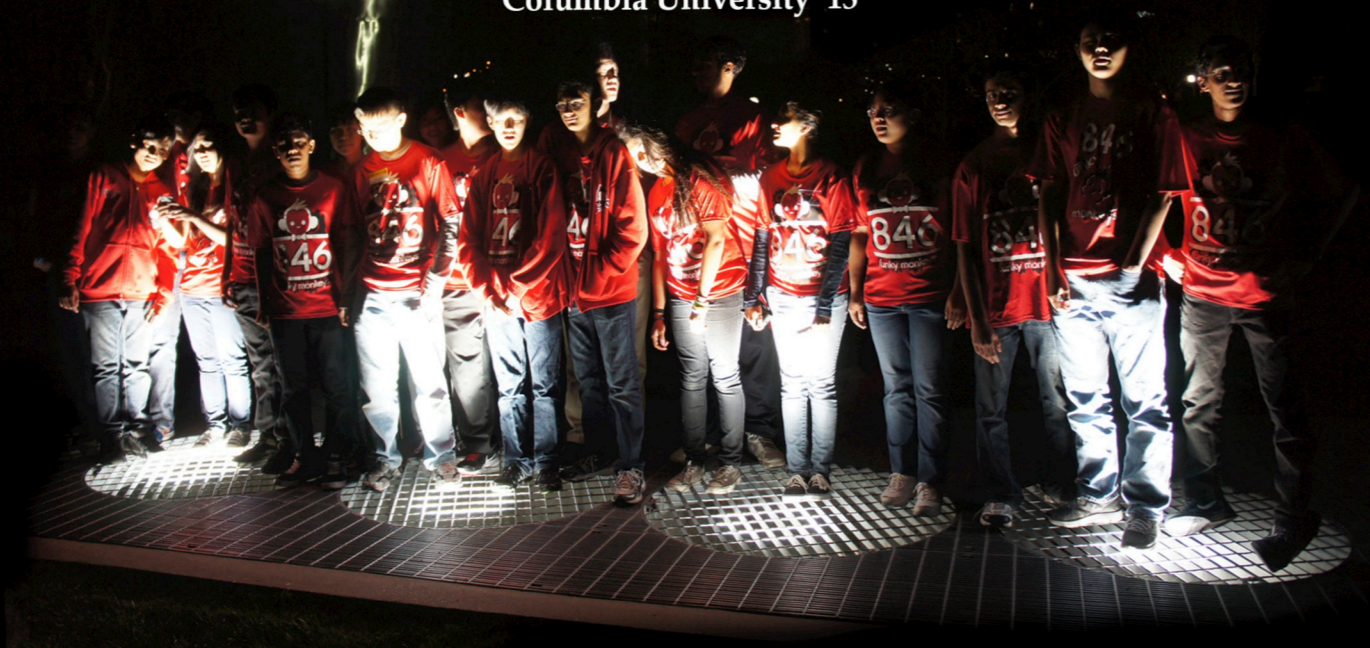


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# ULTIMATE ASCENT 2013

Lynbrook High School Robotics

*The Funky Monkeys*

*FIRST* Team #846



## MENTORS

David Giandomenico	Head Coach
Yang Xie	Mech. Design & Founder
Ralph Lowd	Mentor
Fernando Reyes	Machinist
Payton Wong	Machinist
Gerald Haas	Team Enthusiast
Nancy Haas	Team Enthusiast
Dan Peake	Machine & Design
Wes Harrison	Mentor
Alex Kanaris	Software & Control
Ravi Iyer	Project Manager
Roy Chua	Marketing
Milind Joshi	Software

# 2013 MEMBERS

## OFFICERS

Brian Axelrod	Co-President
Diane Wang	Co-President
Miles Chan	Vice-President
Tony Peng	Software Lead
Anurag Makineni	Co-Hardware Lead
Eric Yeh	Co-Hardware Lead
Akshat Agrawal	Treasurer
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Joshua Yuan	Honorary Officer
Nikunj Khetan	Honorary Officer

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Steve Chamberlain	School Facilities Manager



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Grace Deng  
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Reo Sato  
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Diane Wang  
Jackie Zhang

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Kenny Yuan  
Eric Zeng  
Andy Zhang  
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FIRST World Championships – St. Louis, MO





Professor Makineni welcomes you to CAD 101.

# OFF-SEASON ACTIVITIES

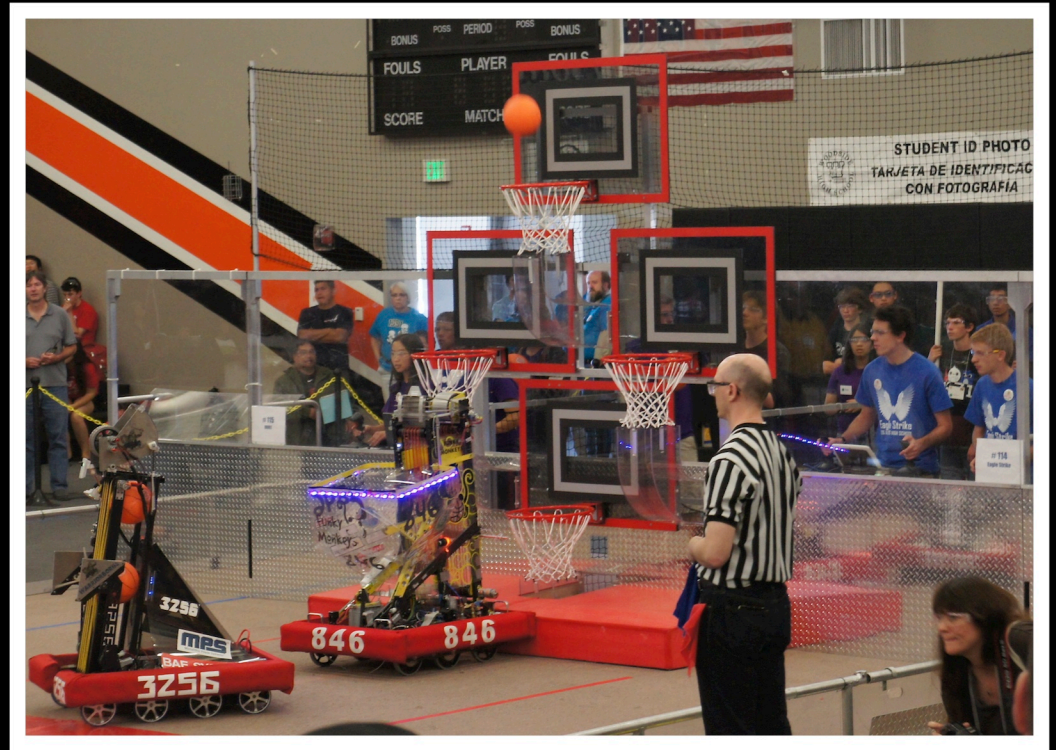


# CALGAMES FALL 2012

The Tail of the  
Monkey shoots  
and scores.



Eva Lomazov gets ready to paint  
battle stripes on emcee  
Mark Leon's face.



The four biggest  
monkeys, co-president  
Brian Axelrod, mentor  
Mr.G, mentor Mr. Xie,  
and co-president  
Diane hold up their  
CalGames awards.





# ROBOT DEMONSTRATIONS



The FUHS Foundation teams show off their robots, after watching others have a satisfying meal at the Crab Feed.



Miles is awed by the driving prowess of the young drivers at the San Jose Tech Museum.



John Coyne, Western Digital's CEO, teaches Brian how to drive on two wheels.



## FLEET WEEK



Jessica Zhang makes a sale at our annual Fleet Week fundraiser in San Francisco.



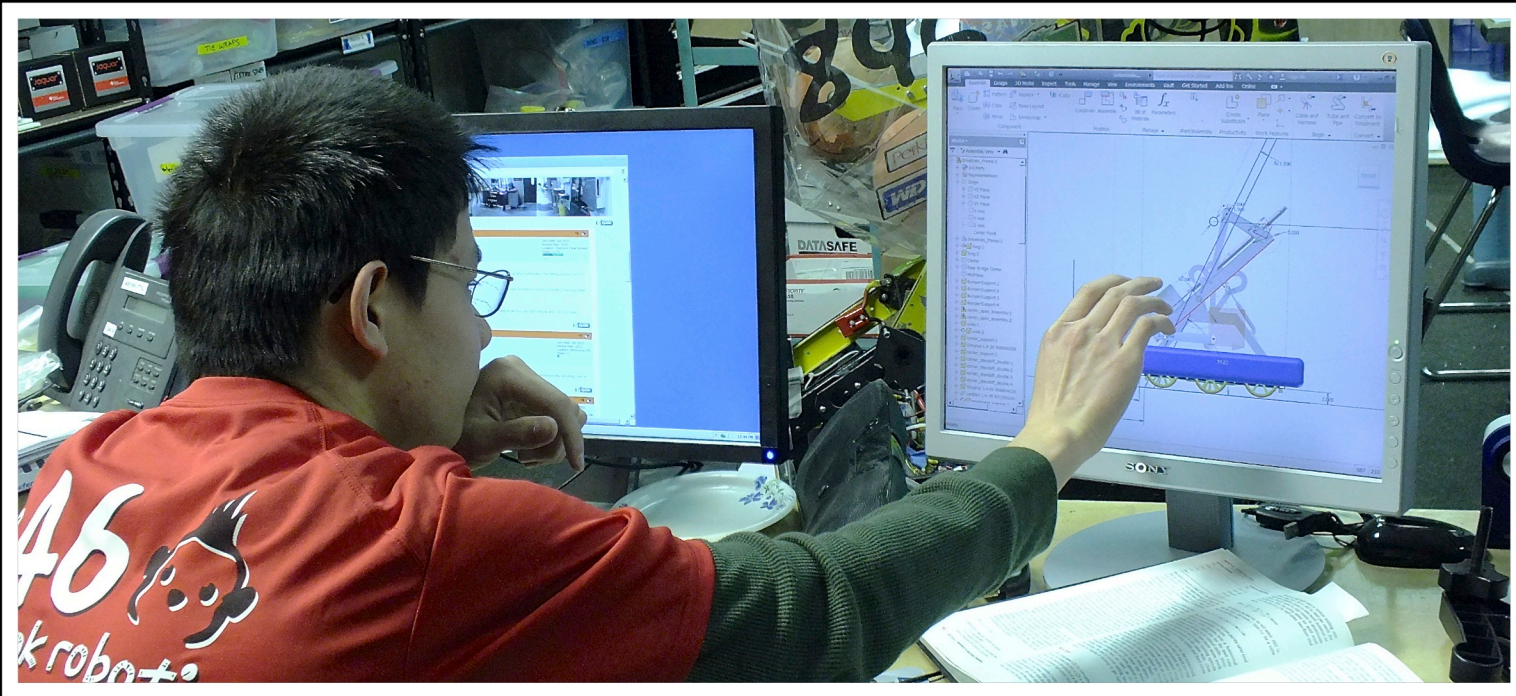
Akshat catches the winning pass at our annual intradistrict barbecue.

## FALL BBQ



Chairman Diane inaugurates Brian as her co-tsar.





"My master plan is coming together."  
-Miles

# BUILD SEASON





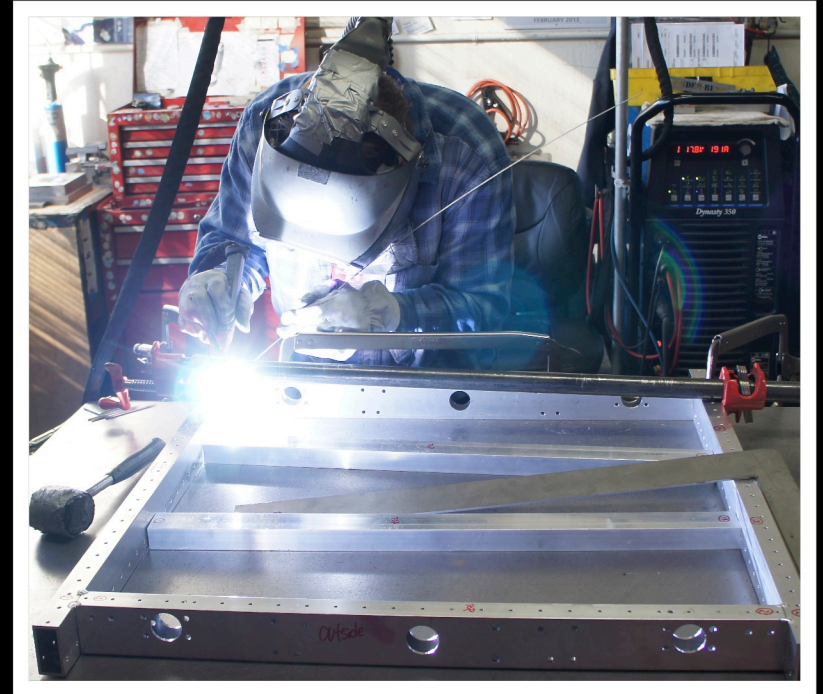
Julia and  
Rahul cut  
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10ft. tall  
pyramid.



Mr. Iyer and  
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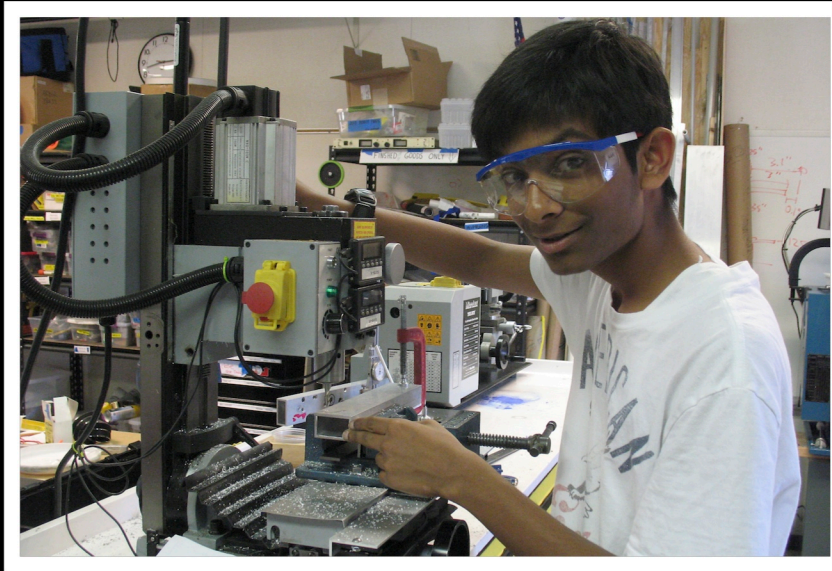
“Let there be light”  
Johnny “The Welder” Gambimi

Mr. Harrison and Miles  
finish assembly on our  
frisbee collector.



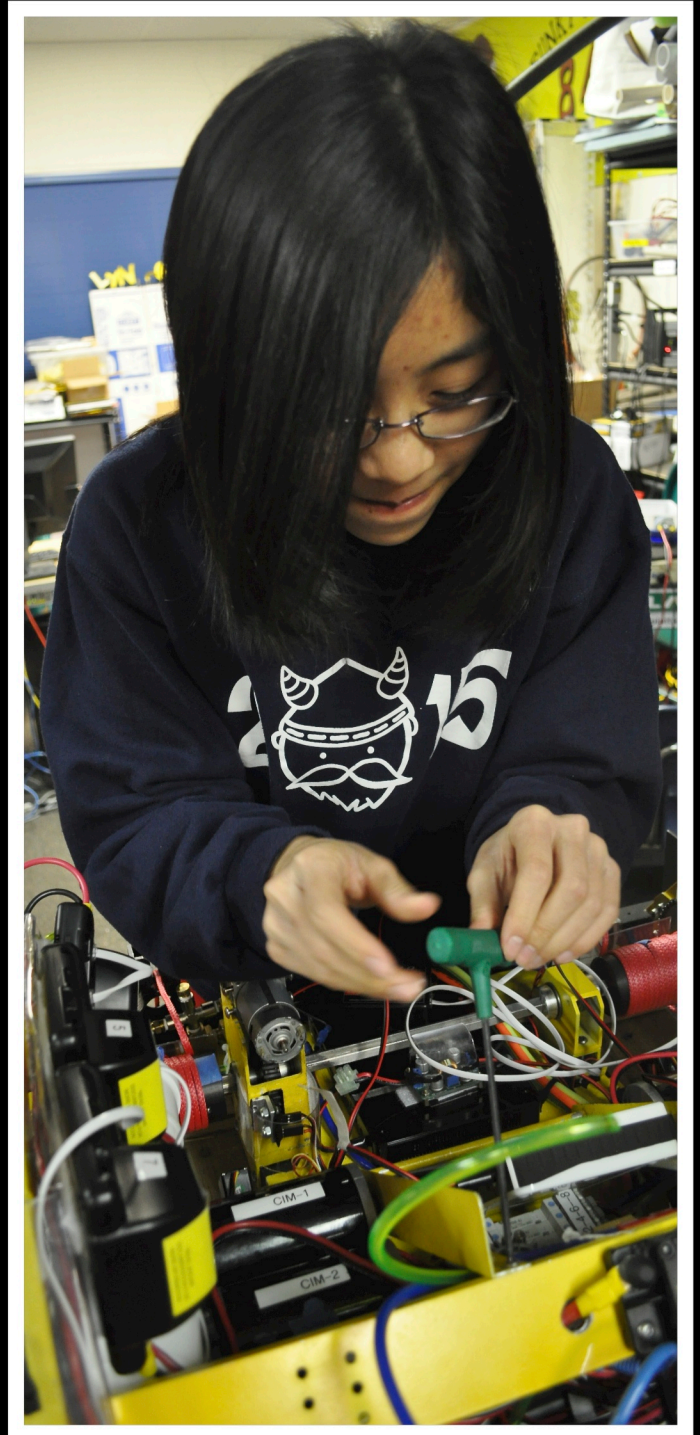
"I got it!"  
Megan tightens a difficult to  
reach screw on the robot.

Nikunj finishes  
a part on our  
mini-mill.



Brent wires the  
robot without  
even looking...

That explains  
a lot.







Miles and Anurag tweak our robot while practicing on the field at the NASA-Ames Research Center, the impressive work site of the Cheesy Poofs, 254, and the Space Cookies, 1868.

CAUTION!  
TRIPPING  
HAZARD  
AROUND  
FIELD



Mr. Lowd and Eric inspect a part of the robot frame before welding.



Akshat examines his shooter prototype.



"I have the power"  
Eva presses a pinion gear onto a motor.







The Funky Monkeys just prior to “bagging and tagging”  
our robot “Ultimate Funky Object” on ship date.  
*T-minus 1 hour; 11:00 PM, February 19, 2013*





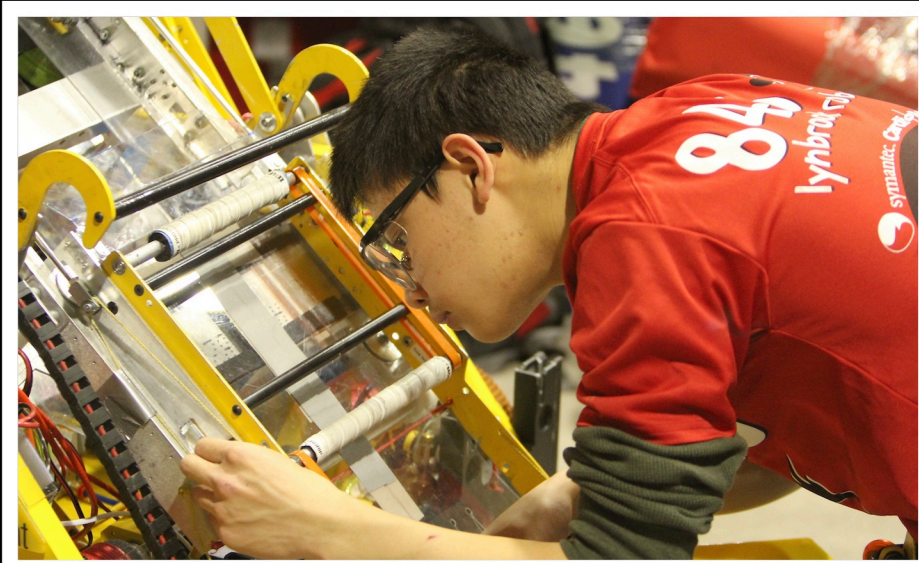




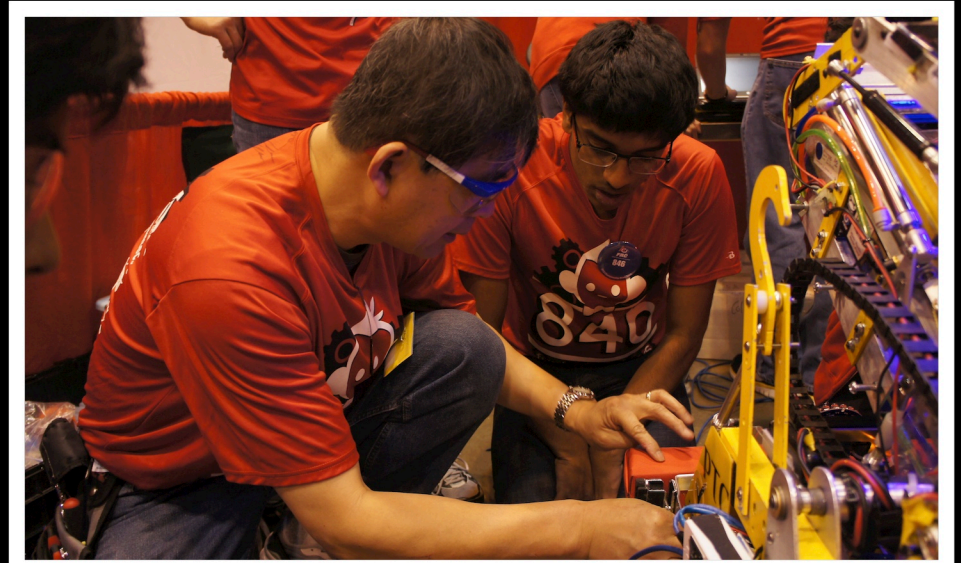
# COMPETITIONS



Setting up for our next practice match.



Miles nurses his collector back to health.



Mr. Xie and Anurag repair a bumper standoff whose welded joint failed after a hard impact.





Eva, Varun, and Rahul excitedly cheer the team on!



"Who's Next?" Owen says as he looks through his scouting data.



Tony and Raphael, like all good monkeys, pick out the bugs and eat them for lunch.



The drive team  
honing their  
skills on the  
practice field.



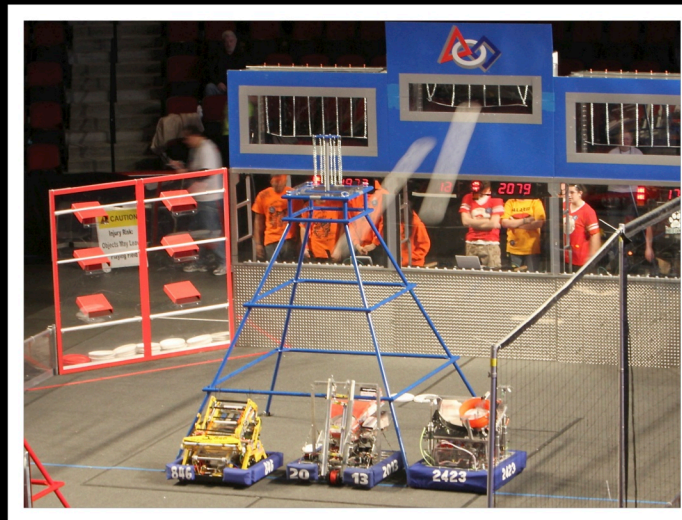
The drive team  
monkeys are  
excited for our  
first Finals  
appearancel





# OUR 2013 ROBOT ULTIMATE FUNKY OBJECT

The UFO lifts off!



Ready... Aim... Fire!



Locked and Loaded for the  
next match.





Mr. Xie and Woodie Flowers are excited after a great day on the competition field.



Dean Kamen visiting our pit at Boston.



Diane and Anurag talk to the judges at Boston.



REGIONAL FINALIST

Alliance Captain

*Boston Regional*

ENGINEERING  
INSPIRATION AWARD

*Boston Regional*

IMAGERY AWARD  
*honoring Jack Kamen*

*Silicon Valley Regional*



# AWARDS





## BOSTON REGIONAL 2013 FINALIST ALLIANCE

*FIRST* Team 846, Funky Monkeys

*FIRST* Team 3173, IgKnights

*FIRST* Team 88, TJ<sup>2</sup>



The Engineering Inspiration noted two of our major outreach projects – *BecauseRobots.org* and “*Monkey Business*”, our team newsletter.



Michelle Chang is the producer and editor-in-chief of our newsletter, “*Monkey Business*” is published three times annually.



Matt Wang edits our website  
*BecauseRobots.org*

## ENGINEERING INSPIRATION AWARD

*They provide inspiration for the next generation  
Designers in CAD and engineering automation.*

*By launching Because Robots on social media,  
we now have a why robots? encyclopedia.*

*Demonstrating tech at a museum and an air show  
They help awareness of robotics grow.*

*They more than tripled the number of junior-league teams  
and trained hundreds of students in finding their dreams*

*By publishing a quarterly newsletter,  
every stakeholder knows them so much better.*

*With these multiple investments in FIRST, they sure are spunky.  
That's why we so love the Funky Monkeys.*



Brian leads the team to pick up the  
Engineering Inspiration Award at the Boston Regional.



# MS. GAIL DAVIDSON

Ms. Davidson, the principal of Lynbrook High School, is by far one of the most dedicated people with whom I have had the pleasure to meet and work with. Ms. Davidson's devotion to enhance the learning environment in our school is unparalleled; she is passionate in her support of STEM based programs like our robotics team. After ten nomadic build seasons, building our robots in five students' garages, the team has finally found a permanent home on the Lynbrook High School campus thanks to Ms. Davidson's support. Her work with the team has affected hundreds of students, and will continue to change the lives of new Lynbrook generations to come. Even after her retirement, Ms. Davidson will always have a place within the Funky Monkeys and Lynbrook High School.

-Michael Lin, Public Relations Officer 2013







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