



Team Fusion's History

Ten years have brought about many challenges and breakthroughs for Mississippi's premiere FIRST Robotics team. Team Fusion remains active in the community to enrich all people - young and old, big and small - with technology, science, and cutting-edge information. Knowing that one day the world will be dependent on today's young people, the students and mentors of Team Fusion strive to change the world in which we live and work. Through community outreach, fundraisers, mentor programs, and other events and demonstrations, Team Fusion reaches out to our community in an attempt to positively affect and mold the world. Since its conception, Team Fusion has concentrated on community involvement in an effort to help all people around us and to alter the world to make it a better, more successful place.

Team Fusion and FIRST encompass a need for business-oriented skills, knowledge, commitment, and determination. Operating Team Fusion, like all other FIRST teams, is rather expensive when all materials, travel expenses, and extra events are factored into the budget. To meet these steep monetary needs we require tremendous effort and commitment from the parent booster club, students, engineers, and local businesses. Team Fusion realizes that in order to be successful we must have sound business principles and teamwork in all endeavors. Team Fusion strives to be the best we can be in all challenges and undertakings. Our mission is to spread the idea of FIRST and to inspire other teams and individuals to excel in all aspects of science, technology, and business. This initiative inspired us to assist and mentor FIRST teams in Ecuador and Israel over the 2004 and 2005 competitions. In 2008 the team assisted the "kiwis", a team from New Zealand, in starting a program. Team Fusion also helped create a team in Brazil, requiring two members to learn Portuguese. Joe Daschbach expressed his appreciation for Team Fusion's assistance by saying, "We have 3 rookie teams in New Orleans this year and Team Fusion played a big part in making that happen!"

As a team, we work to overcome all obstacles and problems, adversity and hardships. We are rewarded not only with prestigious awards, but with a sense of satisfaction for doing something great that can really make a difference. Few things provide these opportunities as well as FIRST robotics does. Team Fusion embodies all ideals of FIRST and tries to spread the FIRST fever to others.

