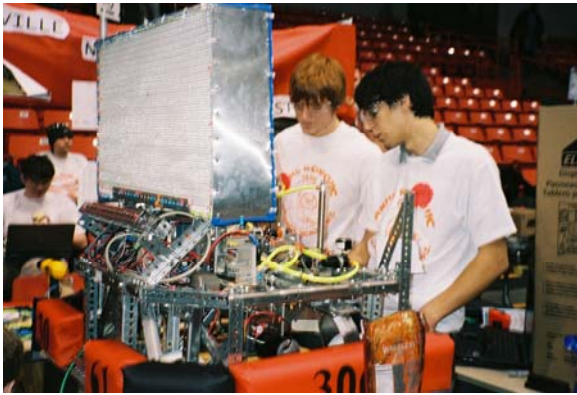


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**Who:** Naperville North Robotics Team

**What:** FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotic Competition

**Where:** Packer Engineering, Inc., 1950 No. Washington St., Naperville, IL

## Details of the Packer Demonstration:

Last week at Packer Engineering, three members of the Naperville North Robotics team, John Mercouris, Donald Hruska and Spencer Gore gave a demonstration of the Robot they created for the **FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)** Robotics Competition. (See description of FIRST below.)

The students were animated and excited as they revealed their robot. They explained and demonstrated how, for the competition, their robot had to trap a special ball and move it to a designated location. They also discussed the engineering and technical problems encountered while designing and building their robot. They were enthusiastic about the changes they hope to make next year, if the necessary funding is received to continue. If you would like to sponsor the Robotics Team or be a part of this endeavor, please contact Rebecca DiOrio at [rdiorio@naperville203.org](mailto:rdiorio@naperville203.org).

## About the Competition:

The competition fosters collaboration and teamwork between students, engineers and staff. They held this year's regional competition at the University of Chicago Pavilion. There were 54 teams participating. At the competition, they placed 3 teams into a group. The groups then competed against one another. Each group received points when they participated in specific activities performed by their robots. At the end of the competition, after the points were tallied, the Naperville North group placed 23<sup>rd</sup> which was a great finish as this was their first year competing.

Students on the team included: John Mercouris, Donald Hruska, Spencer Gore, Sean O'Halloran, Sebastian Wong, Phil Michel, Brett Cowen, Natalie Harrison, John Mercouris, Shrinidhi Dawande, Anne Slovic, Spencer Gore, Robert Kagle, AJ Cummings, Melisa Crawford, and Rob Kagle.

**About FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology):**

**FIRST** is an organization dedicated to inspiring students in the field of engineering and science. Founded in 1989 by Dean Kamen, the purpose of **FIRST** is "to create a world where science and technology are celebrated....where young people dream of becoming science and technology heroes".

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