

*FIRST* Robotics Competition Team 2656 *FIRST* LEGO League Teams 51258 + 53070

Gateway High School - Monroeville, PA



## **Our Mission**

As a team, our main goal is to encourage young people to explore the fields of science and technology. To this end, we participate in several robotics competitions that are designed to promote this goal, and to develop experience in STEM-related fields.

Our program has a team competing in the *FIRST* Robotics Competition, as well as two *FIRST* LEGO League teams. In addition to the engineering opportunities that these challenges represent, they also provide students with opportunities to:

- Pursue passions in all fields; not only those related to science and technology
- Gain hands-on experience with multi-disciplinary collaborative problem solving
- Learn how to handle real-life situations by working to short, strict deadlines, handling team finances, and taking robots from design through implementation within the guidelines of the competition
- Volunteer in their community
- Network with industry and engineering firms and companies

# **Team Organization**

- 34 team members in 2023-2024, representing grades 7-12
- 6 adult volunteers
- 3 competition teams (FRC and 2 FLL teams)

## **Team Impact**

- Over 88 alumni have participated in our program since 2008, many in STEM fields today
- From 2020 through 2023, we have participated in 70 community events inspiring 14,325 visitors. The total student volunteer hours at these events add up to 1050+ since 2020. Our Girl Scouts Initiative, started in 2018, has helped local girls earn 695 STEM badges through our free workshops.

For more information on FIRST robotics competitions, visit www.firstinspires.org



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## Educational Improvement Tax Credit approved program

EITC donations to Quasics can be accepted via the Gateway Education Foundation. Contact us today if your business is on the PA Department of Community and Economic Development list.

#### Sample budget

There are many costs associated with running the *FIRST* programs at Gateway. Our projected budget for the 2023-2024 season includes the following expenses:

Competition Registration Fees (FRC/FLL)	\$6,550
Local Competition Entry Fees (FLL)	\$550
Team Uniforms (FRC/FLL)	\$700
Parts/Tools/Supplies/Safety	\$4,500
Promotional Materials	\$400

#### Total

\$12,700

In addition to monetary donations, the team welcomes in-kind donations, such as tools, spare parts and components, metal stock, extra wire, and more.

Our program is in need of adult mentors, providing support during team activities including:

- Writing, including funding documents and our Business Plan
- Organization and project management of fundraising, sponsor visits, and more
- Graphic design and Marketing
- Advice and guidance during prototyping efforts
- Guiding the students through the technical challenges we encounter (electrical, mechanical, and programming based)
- Public speaking practice and feedback



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As there are significant costs associated with our competitions, we rely on sponsor support in addition to other fundraising efforts. We have the following sponsorship levels and associated benefits.

Bronze (under \$75)	<ul> <li>Small sponsor name on banner (displayed at tournaments)</li> <li>Sponsor name on website sponsorship page</li> <li>"Thank You" letter, signed by all club members</li> <li>Invitations to our Regional Competition and our end of the year celebration, as well an on-site demonstration at your location by sponsor request</li> </ul>				
Silver (\$75 - \$249)	<ul> <li>All Bronze level benefits, plus:</li> <li>Medium sponsor name on banner (displayed at tournaments)</li> <li>Sponsor name on t-shirt</li> </ul>				
Gold (\$250 - \$499)	<ul> <li>All Silver level benefits, plus:</li> <li>Large sponsor name on banner (displayed at tournaments)</li> <li>Sponsor name and link on website sponsorship page</li> <li>Sponsor name on robot(s)</li> </ul>				
Platinum (\$500 - \$999)	<ul> <li>All Gold level benefits, plus:</li> <li>Prominent sponsor name on banner (displayed at tournaments)</li> <li>Sponsor name, logo, and link on website sponsorship page</li> <li>Team t-shirt to display</li> </ul>				
Diamond (\$1000+)	<ul> <li>All Platinum level benefits, plus:</li> <li>Prominent sponsor name and logo on banner (displayed at tournaments)</li> <li>Sponsor name, logo, and link on sponsorship page and logo on the front page of the club website</li> <li>Prominent sponsor name on t-shirt</li> <li>Prominent sponsor name on robot(s)</li> </ul>				

**Sponsor Benefit Levels** 

For more information on Quasics, visit our team's website at **www.quasics.org** And be sure to 'like' us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter and Instagram!



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EITC donations are tax deductible through the Gateway Education Foundation. Contact us for more information!