

Hello there everyone,

What an awesome experience it was to spend this whole year in the company of a group of dedicated engineering students that weren't only teammates or colleagues but most importantly: friends. All of you worked hard for countless hours overcoming many challenges and hurdles present along the way which in the end helped us to become stronger in character and better people overall. I take pride in our young team at obtaining a spot in the top 10 schools out of 200+ overall participants in one of the most competitive and challenging engineering tournaments in the nation. The foundation has been laid and next year is one that petitions for greater performance which will translate in greater achievements.

There is so much potential in you guys that couldn't be fully developed during this short amount of time before Nationals. I am positive that it will develop throughout this year if we stick together and work hard. The top 5 teams during this year's Nationals didn't become the best from one semester to the other. It's a matter of fact; the same 5 teams that finished top 5 in this year's Nationals were the same 5 teams that were top 5 in last year's Nationals. Hence, the virtue of finishing top 10 after 2 years of staying home after the Regional and getting a team together in 1 semester. Don't be discouraged for this year's outcome people....yes, we worked really hard...I agree... but we cannot claim that we deserved to be top 5 this year. Those teams out there were simply just better and more seasoned than our young and inexperienced team. But take heart...what I see in our team is something that I didn't see in any other team out there. I see the insatiable hunger for victory and the hunger that you guys have to be number one. I am also proud because none of you gave up until the end neither got discouraged or intimidated by the other engineering power houses. Now you know how hard we must work in order to be the best of the pack. It will take a lot of effort but it will be fun too. I had a blast hanging out with you all during these 5 days. I'm looking forward to grow personally and professionally along with you all in this coming year. Please stay tuned, we the officers will be e-mailing you about what's next pretty soon.

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