

FIRST NATIONAL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE 2018

TOTAL HOURS : 40 hrs per per person, 5 people

SUMMARY

Students and mentors are trained on STEM issues and sent out to Capitol Hill to meet with their Senators and Members of Congress. Teams have the chance to network and collaborate as they prepare for advocacy.

WHO	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHY
Our drivers, Don Bossi, HOR members, and senators.	To change culture to value STEM by getting our policy makers in our nation's capital on board with knowing about and supporting FIRST and STEM in education.	June 24th - 26th, 2018	Washington D.C.	To spread a deeper appreciation for STEM initiatives among our national leaders and community.

ACTIVITIES

TRAINING

We were trained in the Do's and Don'ts of meeting with our Senators and Members of Congress about FIRST programs. We had the opportunity to practice and organize our talking points prior to the meeting so we would be better prepared to make a good impression on our government representatives.

NETWORKING

We were able to connect to our Senators as well as other members on various FTC and FRC teams. This event allowed us to meet up with other STEM enthusiasts and thrive in an environment with like-minded people, one of the many benefits to participating in *FIRST* programs.

MEETING WITH SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

Being able to advocate for a program that impacted our lives so much and share our passion with our state representatives was an incredible opportunity. We were able to contribute to a conference that can make a difference in our STEM culture and community.

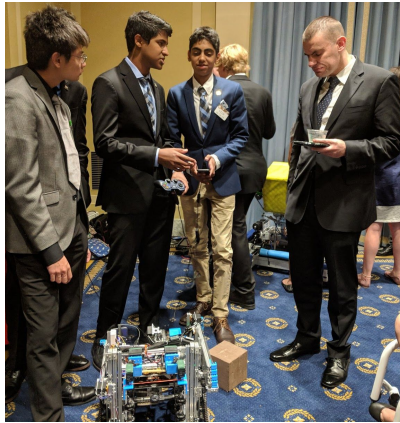
OUTCOME

SELF - CONFIDENCE

We had the opportunity learn, prepare, and lead meetings with Senators and Members of Congress.

ADVOCATING FOR STEAM & *FIRST*

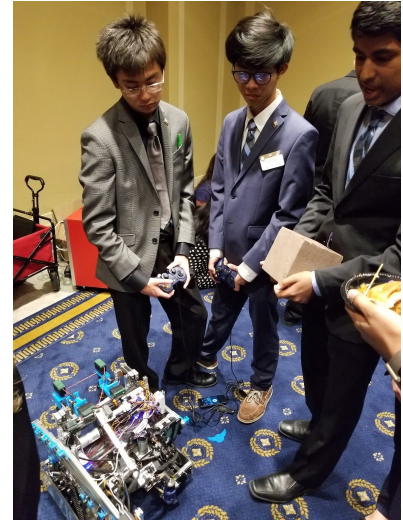
We promoted the ESSA Act and advocated our program and STEM interest to our national leaders.



Nick, Julian, and Varun talking to Senator Cornyn



Will and Nick talking about the robot



Will and Nick driving the root