



From the Crow's Nest

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We are the iPirates, a dedicated team of students and adults associated with FIRST, or For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. When inventor Dean Kamen founded FIRST, it was an effort to "... to create a world where science and technology are celebrated... where young people dream of becoming science and technology heroes..." The iPirates are one of nearly 1,700 teams around the world that are dedicated to this philosophy. The concept has grown to include activities in all areas of life including community outreach and contributing to the community. This newsletter is one product of this growing vision.

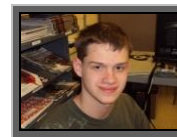
This monthly newsletter is dedicated to promote an attitude of gratitude for contributions made by individuals and groups to the team in the past, present and future. The iPirates wish to thank mentors, students, adults and organizations that have promoted and helped us in becoming the team we are. Additionally, this newsletter is designed to pass on information about the team and upcoming events. We also intend on having a lot of fun along the way.

Team News

The iPirates joined the team, "Cody's Shining Stars" at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event held annually at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. The event is designed to promote cancer awareness and celebrate those who survive the disease. It also serves as a reminder of those who have fallen. Relay for Life also gives hope as the funds raised would go toward research and cancer awareness. This all adds up to everybody having a good time, making new friends and spreading hope that a cure may be found. This combined effort is responsible for raising over \$2700 toward an end to cancer. Below is a picture of our combined team starting on the first lap of the relay.



Shipmate of the Month



Ian Henry

Ian has been with the iPirates for four years and is currently our only senior member. He is the head of our animation team and also works in website administration. In addition to these duties, he has made major contributions to both the presentation committee and the parade committee. Along with his core classes, Ian has rounded out his senior year with Beginning Drafting and Small Engine Repair.

After graduating this year, Ian plans on attending Monroe County Community College to earn an associate's degree. After that, he plans on attending a university in order to fulfill his long-term goal of a career in motion picture animation.

Ian's contributions helped give the team many successes. The iPirates will miss having him as a student member, but look forward to having him as a mentor in the years to come. We wish him a successful future in college and on into the working world.

Upcoming Events

Carwash
Wendy's
Telegraph Rd.
July 18th and 25th

There were 32 teams that participated at the third annual M.A.R.C. Tournament (Michigan Advanced Robotics Competition). The event was held June 26th and 27th at the Monroe High School. Local teams as well as out-of-state teams participated in the event. Beyond the competition, a pig roast and a silent auction were held. The Crow's Nest will have more later.

Buried Treasure

FIRST Robotics

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Animation
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Fun
Learning
Science
Teamwork

Community
Engineer
Future
Marketing
Sportsmanship
Technology

Competition
First
iPirates
Robot
Success

A.Y.E. Project (Activate Your Eco-mentality)



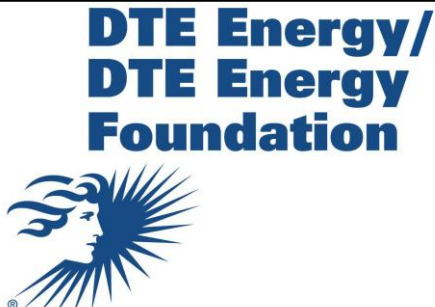


The iPirates believe that helping the environment is a big deal. That is why we came up with the A.Y.E. project (Activate Your Eco-mentality). The A.Y.E project is our way of getting out there and helping to preserve and improve the environment. This is a new mission for the iPirates, and we have some big plans and ideas. These include community education through activities and events, team outings to help clean up our Earth, and working with environmentally friendly leaders in business. Our animation crew has developed some of their own ideas for environment improving concepts, and has incorporated them into short animations, which they have submitted to Autodesk 3dsMax Visualization competitions.

Partner on Deck

The iPirates team wishes to thank all of its partners by featuring one of them each month in our newsletter. This month we are recognizing DTE Energy. This wonderful company has been our partner for two years. According to their website, <http://www.dteenergy.com>, DTE Energy is a diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. The largest operating subsidiaries are Detroit Edison and MichCon. Together, these regulated utility companies provide electric and/or gas services to more than three million residential, business and industrial customers in Michigan. Detroit Edison generates, transmits and distributes electricity to 2.2 million customers in southeastern Michigan. With an 11,094 mega-watt system capacity, the company uses coal, nuclear fuel, natural gas, hydroelectric pumped storage and renewable sources to generate its electrical output. Founded in 1903, Detroit Edison is the largest electric utility in Michigan and one of the largest in the nation.

Marketplace

The iPirates wouldn't even be around without the support from our wonderful partners. We thank them for all that they do!

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