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Reflection Essay

My Senior Project was leading FIRST Robotics Team 3332 as the Team (co)Captain, which entitles managing the daily operations of the Team, communication, and holding the team together. I am not only passionate about FIRST Robotics, but I knew that being a Team (co)Captain, I would grow as a person as a result of the challenge that I would face.  I chose Mr. Childs to be my mentor not only because I knew that I would work closely with him as the Team Captain, but because I knew that he would guide me whenever there were challenges that seemed insurmountable.

While being a Team (co)Captain of our FIRST Robotics team, I have learned numerous lessons. The greatest lesson that I learned is that teamwork and communication are key.  In order to build a robot and manage you need to as a cohesive unit and have to divide up and delegate responsibilities. Without communication all that the team has worked hard to create would fall apart. This revelation caused me to learn the importance of networking as well. As a leader I learned to believe in myself; that I can handle high stress situations and can achieve more than I would have given myself credit for. As a Leader I was able to learn both from my successes and my failures.

As a result of the roles of Team (co)captain and member of our FIRST Robotics Team, I have learned a multitude lessons that I will take with me to the “Real” World.  First Robotics has taught me numerous skills ranging from mechanical engineering to business and marketing.   I have learned what deadlines really are like due the high expectations and tight schedule of FIRST Robotics. I have also most importantly learned that Teamwork is essential and is the key to accomplishing things greater than yourself than yourself.  All of these lessons will be paramount to my success as both student of architecture and as an architect in the future.

Not only have I learned lessons about the world and how to succeed in it, I have learned lessons about myself.  I have learned that I have a knack for leadership and marketing.  From my successes I have learned to believe in myself and what I can achieve.  Through my failures I learned that I need to rely on others

FIRST Robotics is one of very few clubs that gives you real world experience and teaches you important skills that will make you successful in whatever career you choose. I am honored to be able to help provide that real world experience and training to other students at Campbell High School. Through my senior project, I was able to not only learn lessons myself, I was able serve others by teaching them these valuable lessons. This Project has not only been beneficial to me but it has helped others and that is what I find most rewarding about my experience.