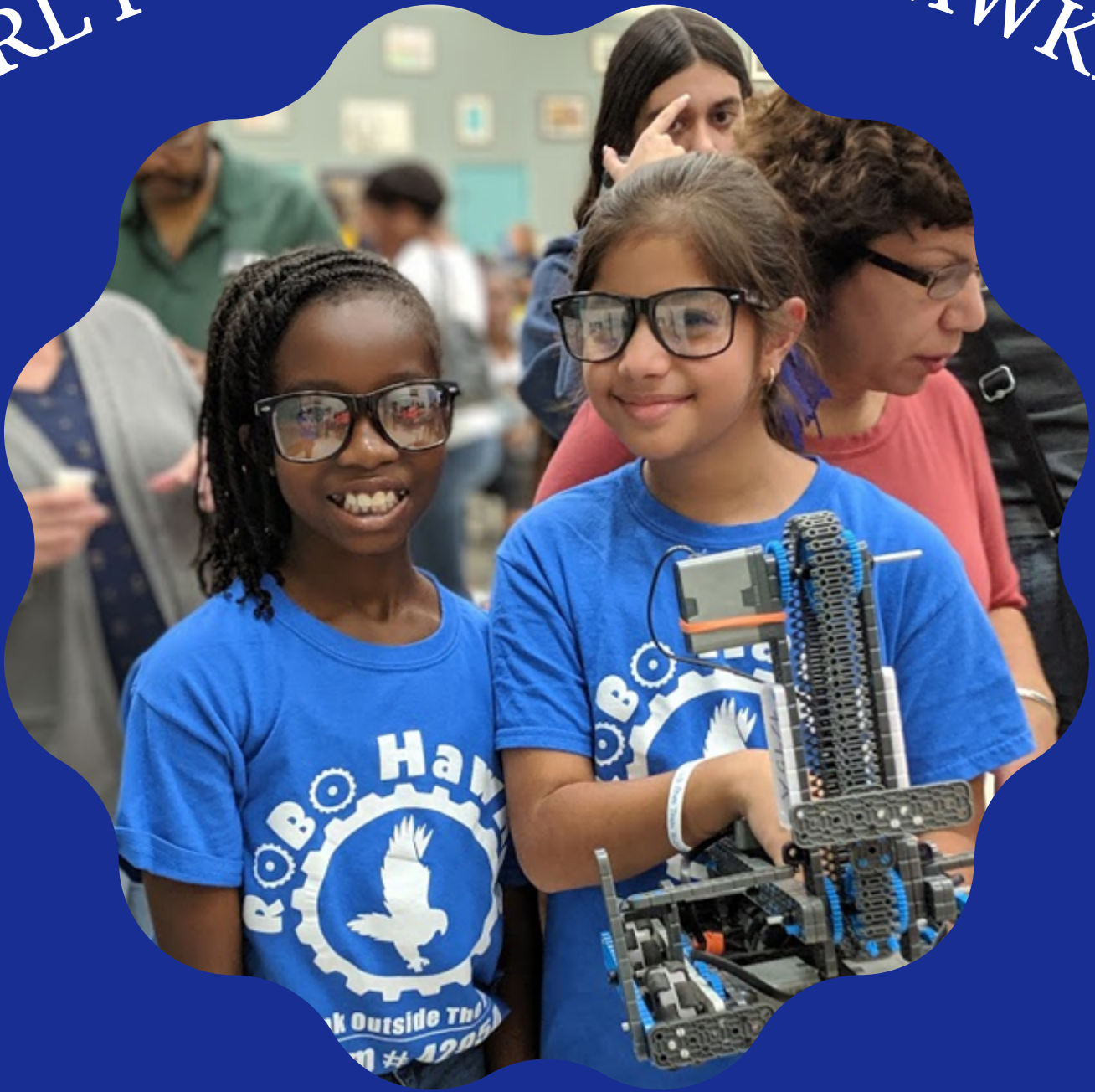


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GIRL POWERED ROBOHAWKES

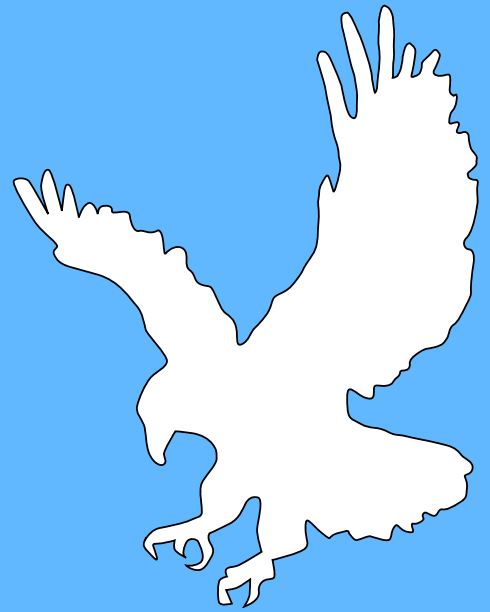


Team #4295A

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Last year in May, a few girls joined the Hawkes Bluff Elementary school robotics program. The teams name is Robohawkes. Before we joined, there weren't many girls on the team. We saw there were many boys on the team and knew more would join the next year. We joined in hope that more girls would be inspired and join the team.



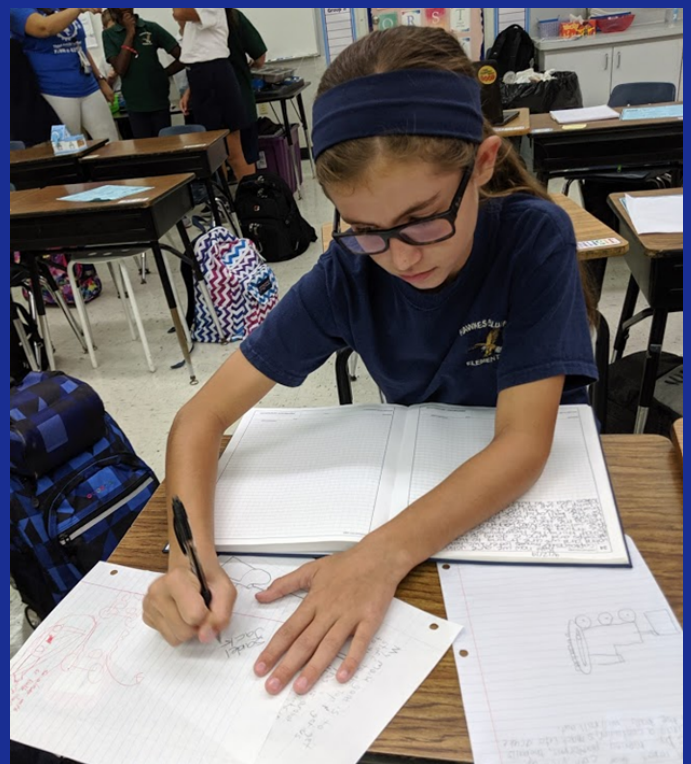
On the first competition, we felt more comfortable seeing all the girls there. When it was Gabriella and my first time driving, we were not only scared that we would mess up, but also that we look bad in front of so many people. We learned to overcome this nervousness by remembering that we are not alone and that it is ok to mess up sometimes. Having a supportive team is also important to kids because it can raise their confidence.

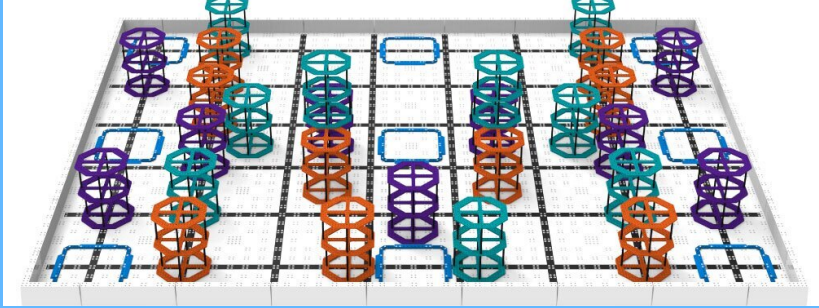
One thing that our team worked very hard on was our S.T.E.M project. Everyone played a very important role in it, but the student who did most of the work and research was a girl named Shayne. Her and a few other girls are no longer in the team because they went to middle school. Shayne was a role model for not only the girls, but the boys too. She would help with a lot of projects, would do lots of research, and many other things that would benefit the team in many ways. We hope that this year we can help the team as much as she did.



Gabi, Caroline, and Shayne getting the robot inspected.

Shayne working.





Building robots was a great challenge to the teammates because they had to think harder and have to use their brain. When you can't find the right pieces it's always challenging! Why? It's so challenging because after a while when you can't find that one little piece you feel like you just want to give up because you have been working so very hard on the robot. This has taught us to have patience and to be in control of yourself. When you are building a robot make sure to never second guess yourself and that sometimes you may want to take a short cut, but it's always right to do what's right the first time.

Girls shouldn't be overlooked for anything. If more Girls go to competitions it could set a good example for younger girls who want to be in robotics. Just like pink isn't a girl color, and blue isn't a boy color, why should there be things that girls shouldn't do because it's a "boy" thing? Girls all around the world should not have to feel this way. Look how far we have come, from cleaning houses to being vice presidents. We still have a lot of progress to make, but considering where we are now, soon we can make it to the point where all women and men are treated equally. To wrap everything up, girl power means a lot to us because in Robohawkes we need two different point of views to make the team better.



