





# Team 2537: Space RAIDers Newsletter

September - October 2020

### Offseason Activities

#### **COVID-19 Response**

Our team has been busy helping our community during the pandemic. Students and mentors coordinated this effort from their individual homes, resulting in the production of over 1500 masks and face shields which were donated to local hospitals. We designed custom reusable 3D printed face shields, the designs of which are freely available on our website, <a href="https://team2537.com/">https://team2537.com/</a>. We are running almost solely online with very few in-person meetings of limited size for the purpose of distributing materials and working on our robot.

#### **Recruitment Events**

The team hosted several virtual recruitment events at the beginning of the school year. These events were highly successful and raised our membership to over 65 students. Additional virtual events were also hosted in order to provide members with an opportunity to explore different aspects of the team.

#### 2020 - 2021 Student Leadership

Team Captain: Shyam Pillai

Communications Lead: Angelina Zhou

Safety Lead: Sean Miller

Electrical Co-leads: Maggie Tyson, Ryan Nguyen

Mechanical Team Lead: Angela Voo Operations Team Lead: Sonia Albert Software Team Lead: Daniel Fu

## Team game and decision not to compete in FRC

FIRST has given us various options for how we would like to proceed as a team for this year's season. Although we plan to register with FIRST, as of now we have decided to opt out and pursue our own game believing this would be more engaging and a better challenge for us and other teams we plan to invite. Due to this decision, we have created a committee that is leading efforts to design a new game.

#### **Training Season Begins**

The team is preparing for the upcoming season by training new members in software, electronics, mechanical, and business skills. Not only is this necessary for the performance of our team, but it enables members to explore engineering and business fields while setting them up for future success. For fields that require hands-on instruction, materials are being distributed under recommended safety precautions enabling members to practice and get comfortable with fabrication skills.

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