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12th Grade



3rd Grade

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Sid joined SR since his 3rd grade, till 12th grade. He has held Robotics and Electronic instructor position at SR during his 12th grade.

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Dear Elizabeth and Dennis,

I remember the first time I ever set foot in Storming Robots. It was a dark night and third grade me didn't exactly know where I was going and what it was for. I also had missed the first week of my scheduled classes so I was very behind everybody else. At that time we were still using the old RCX controllers and the graphical RoboLab software. Over the course of that term, I learned words that would stay with me for the rest of my childhood: "line tracing", "if statement", "threshold". I enjoyed it enough that my parents decided to send me back for another term. And another. Soon, the terms turned into years. I dabbled in a little of everything that Storming had to offer: algorithms, competition, electronics.

Starting competition classes is where I really started to interact with you both, and boy did it change my life. I learned so much not only about how to build robots and program them, but how to think, learn, and lead. Some of my favorite core memories include staying at Storming late at night the day before our team drove to Montreal and painstakingly trying to film our best runs at the virtual Robocup in 2021. I greatly valued all of your teachings, from the nuances of communication protocols to how to best word an email to a judge. After starting to teach at Storming, I realized how difficult the work you both do is. I was scared at first, as I wasn't sure I understood what I was teaching fully. But with your encouragement, I became more confident in my abilities and more clear in my explanations.

Storming Robots has led me to discover my passions and has greatly impacted the path I have chosen to take in college. I am glad that I was able to become a better technologist, student, and overall human being because of you both. Like the many students who came before me, I am forever grateful to all you have done for me. Despite my uncertainty as I embark on the next steps of my journey, I take pride in the knowledge and inspiration that you both and Storming Robots have given me.

Eternally grateful,
Sidharth Srivastava