

Our History

FIRST FRC Team 11 - Mount Olive Robotics Team was established in the fall of 1996 by Mount Olive High School teacher Bill McGowan as a joint partnership between the County College of Morris and Mount Olive High School. The team had only six students, few tools, and access only to the school's woodshop. The first competition for MORT was at the Rutgers Mid-Atlantic Regional in March of 1997.

Today, MORT is the largest club at Mount Olive High School with more than 100 student members, over 20 mentors, and a countless number of committed teachers, alumni, and parents. We enjoy the support of local businesses. MORT has formed an official club at Mount Olive High School, and enrollment in technology courses has tripled thanks to our efforts. We have also established a second team, MORT Beta, FRC 193, our Junior Varsity team. All students on MORT Beta are first-year team members. Our team expanded so rapidly in recent years we were challenged to find a new and innovative way to keep all of our students engaged and involved. MORT Beta has exceeded our expectations in every way, becoming a strong and independent adversary in the FIRST community.

To prepare our students better for the FIRST Robotics Competition, we have established MORT University before our build season. MORT University is a program where our freshmen and first year students work alongside our adult mentors and upperclassmen to learn more about engineering principles, electronics, programming, Computer Aided Drafting, Computer Animation, business, marketing and teamwork.

Our mission is to challenge ourselves to stretch the boundaries of our imagination, inspire innovation, and foster critical life skills including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

