

RoboBlues 2019 Travel Team



Eric Cardoza: I am proud to say that I will be studying Mechanical Engineering at Northeastern University in the fall of 2019. I know for a fact that I would not be studying there if it was not for the engineering program at The Hill School. Mr. Jump's class has taught me how to think like an engineer while also giving me the skills and knowledge to put me ahead of the competition. I hope RoboCup can put my skills to the test as we compete against teams across the world.



Priyanka Desai Dondeti: I will be attending Barnard College of Columbia University. In the past four years I have developed a deep curiosity for learning while in Engineering. Moving through the courses I have inevitably started searching for answers in everyday life and taken what I have learned utilized it outside the classroom.

I am ecstatic to experience a once in a lifetime opportunity in Australia this year and learn about what other teams across the globe have to offer. I am excited to see how many different variations of the same goal come to fruition.



Amanda Grippo: Throughout my three years involved with The Hill School's Engineering program, I have gained numerous skills such as how to critically solve a problem on my own, learning how to adjust and adapt when something does not work, and developing my creative ability. Having an opportunity to go to RoboCup this year is incredible and I am looking forward to competing at a global event and seeing what other schools from all over the world have built. This upcoming fall, I plan to study aerospace engineering at the University of Maryland.



Tim Youndt: I will be attending Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in the fall. I will be majoring in mechanical engineering and I will be a member of the indoor and outdoor track teams. I have learned so much about what it means to be an engineer through working in this engineering course for my four years of high school. The class showed me that this is the most real-world application you can get in a classroom, and that has been extremely beneficial. RoboCup is a new experience for me, I have never participated in robotics competitions before, so going from nothing to a competition of this scale looks daunting, but I am more excited for it than anything else.



Michael Schiavone: I have been a part of the Hill Engineering Program for four years. Engineering at Hill has taught me how to think and approach problems with the mindset of an engineer, and inspired me to pursue engineering in college! I look forward to taking the skills that I've learned as a student over the years and implementing them at RoboCup 2019. I will study Mechanical Engineering at Penn State.

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Esha Sharma: I enjoy engineering because the subject always encourages innovation, establishes a collaborative atmosphere, and challenges me to think outside of the box. Because of the Hill School engineering program, I am able to apply my ideas into my work and to establish something unique and different. In result of being inspired by the subject, creating something fundamentally constructed on my own designs and being part of innovative processes is what I aim to do as a career. Colleges I am considering: Stanford, UC Berkley, California Institute of Technology, New York University, and Yale.



Ziqi (Annika) Wei: I'm an international student from Shanghai, China, and I am a junior at the Hill School. It is my third year in Engineering, and I love the course, especially when I have to learn to solve problems without the help of a teacher. Although sometimes frustrating, Engineering has taught me innumerable life skills - independent learning, teamwork, patience, etc. - and looking back I'm always astonished and proud of the progress I've made (especially when it comes to the awesome robot my partner and I built). My dream schools are Stanford, Harvard, and UPenn, and I'm hoping to major in either engineering or psychology.