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MICHAEL HEIMLICH, TEAM 3132

We were sad to hear of the recent passing of Mike Heimlich, one of the founders of FIRST in Australia and a long-time lead mentor for Team 3132 Thunder Down Under. Mike was a great friend of 1678, and he and his family have helped us to expand our outreach to communities around the world. Mike was passionate about seeing “everyone everywhere” reach their full potential, and invited us to be a part of that mission. He traveled around the world inspiring students across Australia, the Dominican Republic, China, Poland, India, and even the Navajo Nation, and helped us collaborate with 3132 for our trip to Wuping, China, in 2019. Our thoughts go out to his wife, Luan, and his daughters Sarah and Jaye. We can only hope that we can all “Be Like Mike” as we work to create a supportive and inclusive STEM network in our own community and beyond.



OFFSEASON RECAP VIDEO

On February 21, we will be releasing our Offseason Recap Video, showing clips from our various activities in the 2021 Offseason. We will have footage from our two offseason competitions—Chezy Champs and MadTown ThrowDown—as well as footage from our New Member Orientation. The video is available on our YouTube channel, at [this link](#).

SPONSOR OPEN HOUSE

Our 2022 sponsor open house will be held on February 19-20. During this time, sponsors will be given student-led tours of our facilities and see our current projects in progress. This allows for sponsors the opportunity to see where their contributions to the team are going. Again, we are very grateful to our sponsors for their continued support of 1678 and all of our activities.

GIRL POWERED EVENT

On January 22, we held our first Girl Powered event of 2022 where girls ages 8 to 14 participated in STEM-related activities. Some of these activities included creating elephant toothpaste, making anemometers, and modeling a human heart. This Girl Powered event was open to the public, and was held outside our facilities at Davis Senior High School. Opportunities like Girl Powered events are great ways for 1678 to reach out into the community and spread STEM values to prospective future team members.

PORT OF HUENEME REGIONAL

Citrus Circuits' first Regional competition since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic will take place March 3-6, at the Port of Hueneme. We are hoping to bring a 44 student travel team, consisting of all of the travel team roles we've traditionally had. Additionally, we'll continue to update our COVID protocol in accordance with guidance from our school district, as well as taking into consideration what local guidelines on COVID will be for all of our competitions.