

When Team 2883, or better known as Fighting Rednecks Engineering and Design (F.R.E.D.), first began 10 years ago, we had the privilege of working with Mr. Keith Landin. He helped to start our team, and has been a mentor ever since. Mr. Landin always has great ideas about improvements we can make to create a stronger team. He helps out with every division of our robotics team, from spending countless hours working with us on our robot, to helping us with fundraising ideas, you can always count on him to be there if you need him.

Keith Landin is one of Team 2883's best and most dedicated mentors. He has worked for over thirty years at Marvin Windows and Doors as a mechanical engineer, and he was the person that convinced Marvin's to become our biggest, and most important sponsor. Last year he put in over three hundred hours into the the robotics program, and will probably end up putting even more of his time in this year, to help with our fast growing team.

This season Mr. Landin was also instrumental in helping create the Great Northern Regional in Grand Forks. He has taken a large part in securing Marvin Windows and Doors as one of the main sponsors, and has taken the lead on supplying both tools and workers for the tool shop.

Not only is Mr. Landin an amazing mentor, he is also a big part of the community. He has helped build churches, and he serves on school committees. He always lends a helping hand when someone needs his help. He won the most prestigious award within our community, the "Friends of Education" award. He is very involved in our small town and is always busy with something.

Even with his busy schedule, he still takes time out of every day to come help our team succeed. If you don't know how to use a machine, he'll teach you. Not only that, but he doesn't even have children on the team. He mentors us with his free time, helping us get our robot ready for competition. Then, when we go to competition, he is always with us, paying his own

way, just to be sure as many students as possible get to go. He is very dedicated, and is always there ready to help when needed. He has been to all of our competitions in the past 10 years. You can always count on Mr. Landin to be in the pit helping us with our robot, but as soon as we have a match coming up, he's in the stands supporting us one hundred percent. One of Mr. Landin's greatest qualities is that he is always there for every student, everyone knows that they could easily talk to him about anything going on in their lives and he would be there to listen.

No task is too big or too small for him. Mr. Landin's extreme dedication to the team, and the students makes him an outstanding candidate for the Woodie Flowers Award. It's easy to see that he is not there to help build a winning robot, or there because he has a kid on the team. He is there to help students learn and expand their horizons in STEM. One of his many mottos is "Building engineers one robot at a time." ~ Keith Landin.