It doesn’t take an engineer, a math teacher, or a programmer to create a STEM inspired atmosphere. As we hear time and time again, *FIRST* is more than just robots. Mrs. Grace Drummer is the “more.” The way she puts it: “I don’t build robots, I build teams.” Through the building of our team, Mrs. Drummer has become the designated “Mom” of Team 245. She’s always there. She has been with the Adambots since the beginning and has given us more than we could have ever asked for. By dedicating the last 16 years of her life to The AdamBots, Mrs. Drummer has built more than a team, she’s built a family.

Mrs. Drummer has been on our team longer than our current freshman have been alive. When alumni, graduating as far back as 1999, come to visit, Mrs. Drummer remembers each and every student, and welcomes them home. We have a diverse team with various cultural backgrounds, special needs, and different interests. Thanks to Mrs. Drummer and her dedication to personal connections with each student, accommodating our individual needs, we are able to bond together and achieve a common goal. She strengthens our family values by organizing team building activities; the team’s favorite is the road rally. "I have very fond memories of all the road rallies Mrs. Drummer used to organize, putting together all these different challenges for students to do and organizing these intricate games across the city,” 2014 graduate Cameron Johnson recalls, “She didn’t have to put together these events but she did it out of dedication for the family, so that students could bond and have a good time together. Those were so much fun!"

Her caring and dedicated nature does not benefit just the team. Mrs. Drummer also allied Team 245 and our local boy scout troop in order to fundraise for The American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. Under her guidance, our team raised over $15,000 in 2014. Her and her husband, while also being generous sponsors to the team, awarded two of our college-bound seniors $500 scholarships, all out of pocket.

Beginning in 2015, the AdamBots established Team 5436, The Cyber Cats. Although we all band together to help our up and coming sister team, Mrs. Drummer is by far their largest advocate. Being the head mentor of one team is difficult, but willingly being the head mentor of two teams is unimaginable. She heads their weekly team meetings, schedules their competitions, orders their t-shirts, and connects them with sponsors. It is important to note she does this all twice.

*FIRST* is about inspiration, outreach, and innovation. However, in order for us to inspire, reach out, and innovate, there has to be an enabler: someone who sees the potential in each student and does everything in her power for us to succeed. Mrs. Drummer wants the best for us and ultimately, wants to see us triumph as a family. Like a mom, there’s no way we can repay her for how well she raised us, but continue to make her proud.