Sam Brown is a freshman engineering student at Virginia Tech. FIRST Robotics has played a significant role in his life in terms of inspiration to pursue the field of electrical engineering. He credits FIRST for improving his ability to interact and connect with a group of dedicated teammates working towards the potentially daunting goal of developing a partially autonomous robot capable of performing human-like tasks from scratch. Sam has come to understand more and more that the soft skills developed while working in a collaborative environment are far more relevant to a professional work scenario than individual achievement. In elementary and middle school, he participated in FIRST Lego League for four years, and this encouraged him to join the Robotics team at the Shenandoah Valley Governor’s School (3361). In the future, he plans on continuing his support for this great organization.