

AD-VANTAGE POINT

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JT Waller Wins 2021 Spirit Award

Advantage Controls has recently created the Spirit Award, which gives one of the past 12 Advantage MVPs an all-expense paid vacation in recognition of their hard work. This year, JT Waller was selected!

Having fielded positions in at least three different departments, J.T. is always eager to learn more and take on new responsibilities at Advantage Controls. Some of his more impressive feats include making a rush equipment delivery to Texas on a Sunday, attempting to take every customer service phone call that came in one day, and even flying out to California to assist a customer with a problem controller. Some of his feats outside of work include fishing, working on trucks, and spending time outdoors with his ever-growing family (father of three and counting!). In the community, he can be found donating blood, picking up trash, participating in the United Way Day of Caring, and even walking in women's heeled shoes to raise awareness about domestic violence.



ANTHONY BALLEW
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER
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What was the worst job you ever had?
When I was 16, my first paying job was a Gate Attendant at a park.

Favorite beverage? Coffee with half and half creamer, two cups in the morning.

What fictional place would you want to visit?
Hogwarts or Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory.



RHONDA TODD
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
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What book or movie have you recently read/seen and enjoyed? Wow, it's been a minute... I guess I could say *Bird Box*. I watched that on Netflix a couple of weeks ago.

What's something that makes you smile?
Seeing kindness in others

What's a good piece of advice? Just keep taking the next step, no matter how small, continue moving forward.



Icebreakers

GET TO KNOW YOUR TEAM MEMBERS!

Chris Clark Coaches Robotics

For the last four years, Advantage has been sponsoring Chris Clark as he volunteers to coach 4-H Robotics in Normangee, Texas.

“Usually they have 3 competitions a school year,” Chris explained. “One is like Battle Bots, called SumoBot, and the others are task-oriented. These kids build, program, and battle these robots from their own imagination. I feel like it is very important for these kids interested in robotics, because where I live it is a very rural, low-populated area. They would get exposed to very little STEM skills here otherwise.”

The field of robotics is expanding at a rapid pace, and Chris and Advantage is poised to help lead young people into this exciting future. Chris’ team placed 1st in the Intermediate age group and 3rd in the Junior age group during their latest competition.



(Left) Advantage Controls team members get into the spirit of Halloween. (Right) Jeremy Garrett, Kelly Reynolds, and William Byrd dress up as characters from Jaws (1975).



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