

Thank you script

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1. **Coaches**
2. **Parent Volunteers**
3. **Volunteers not affiliated with teams**
 - **Eva Carrender**
 - **Karen Mahoney, head referee**
 - **Sriram Chelluri, Len Erickson, Alycia Perris, Austin Schuh, Eric Sklar**

You may remember that several weeks ago, Peter Tong sent out a request for award nominations to the TigerBots mailing list. I am pleased to report that we received some excellent nominations. The Los Altos Robotics Board would like to recognize these individuals for their contributions to FLL. We hope that by recognizing these individuals that others will be inspired to work on behalf of the program. The awards are given in four categories.

Lauren Yang, Youth Volunteer Award.

Lauren is a 7th grader at Blach. She has promoted awareness and interest in FIRST Robotics in the Los Altos community. As captain of the SAPOWER4 team, she led a team of three 6th graders to meet with LEGO MindStorm Experts and showcase how their team benefited from the FLL experience. This led to LEGO donating 20+ prizes to the tournament, and identifying Los Altos as a high-end segment for MindStorm market to help them shape future MindStorm directions. Congratulations Lauren !

Spencer Witte, Youth Volunteer Award

This year Spencer volunteered to provide the Botball demonstration at the Los Altos scrimmage. The Botball demo is one of those unique activities that helps

to make the Los Altos scrimmage a special event and helps to inspire youths in the area to pursue more advanced robotics challenges. We greatly appreciate these types of contributions to the community. Congratulations, Spencer

Our first Outstanding Volunteer Award Goes to Austin Schuh.

Austin was a generous volunteer to our young FLL team. He came to our meetings for base bot and attachment design reviews. For hours Austin listened to each child talk about their design, and without telling the kids what to do, taught them how to approach challenges differently. He taught them how to compare mission time and base time with points earned and to make tradeoffs. He encouraged creative design without dependence on motors, and introduced the team to new aspects of programming. Austin did this in a way that spurred the team's excitement. Austin has also been a referee at the scrimmage and tournament. Congratulations, Austin!

Sally Li, Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Sally has been a member of the board for several years. She has been responsible for maintaining the Los Altos Robotics website. This year she initiated the contact with LEGO that resulted in the raffle prizes we awarded this evening. Congratulations, Sally!

Karen Davis,

As a science teacher at Los Altos High School, Karen has been inspiring youths in the community for many years by volunteering for many science and extracurricular activities that are well beyond her classroom responsibilities. As the Teacher Supervisor for First Robotics Team 114, she organizes and attends all of the Team 114 events and tournaments. This year she even proposed and received approval from the high school administration for Team 114 students to be eligible for elective classroom room credit for their participation in the robotics program. In addition, Karen has supported the Los Altos Robotics FLL tournaments by recruiting a large contingent of team 114 members to volunteer. It takes heroes like Karen Davis to make great robotics programs and provide an environment for our youths to become technology leaders. Congratulations, Karen!

Betsy Adler, Outstanding Coaching Award

Betsy Adler is receiving this award for her three years of coaching the Lightning Bots. team. She goes beyond the role of coach and has embraced the idea that this is a life impacting experience for each child . She find ways for each team member to contribute in a meaningful and FUN way. The result is every team member feels indispensable and important. She takes the hands off rule for coaches seriously by empowering her team to work independently. Beyond that she has exposed many of her sons' classmates to FLL with demos at school and at her home. This year she is talking with her son's teachers about school sponsored team(s) so even more kids can learn about FLL. Congratulations, Betsy!

Schuh Family Award'

The Schuh Family Award is named in honor of Michael Schuh, the founder of Los Altos Robotics. The award recognizes a member of the Board of Los Altos Robotics who has made sustained contributions to our robotics activities. This year's award goes to Steve Putz.

Steve Putz has been associated with FLL for more than a decade. He was instrumental in organizing one of the first Northern California state championship tournaments. We were fortunate to have him join the Los Altos Robotics Board several years ago. Each year he implements a score keeping system that allows us to quickly and accurately record the details of each team's performance. He also has mastered the art of constructing tournament schedules that are both fair and time efficient. Congratulations, Steve.