

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_Michael Corsetto\_\_\_\_\_

Award for which the nomination is made \_\_\_\_\_Outstanding Volunteer\_\_\_\_\_

(Pick one of the following Awards)

Nominator's Name and Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_Tim Burks, tim@danadae.net\_

Activities and involvement of the Nominee that were considered for this nomination:

Michael is the head referee for the Covington tournament and a key contact with the Los Altos HS Robotics team. He arranged and helped present demonstrations of LAHS robots at both the scrimmage and the tournament, and recruited an additional referee and referee support people to make the tournament successful.

Nominator's comments on the way the activities mentioned above were conducted:

Michael was extremely willing and competent to take on every task I asked of him. The LAHS presentation at the scrimmage was clear, interesting, and very technically deep, and Michael has arranged for more and new robots at the tournament.

He's been very clear and direct and is a great communicator with people at every level.

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Nominator's Name and Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Schuh

Activities and involvement of the Nominee that were considered for this nomination:

Los Altos Robotics Tournament Director for Covington School Competition.

Nominator's comments on the way the activities mentioned above were conducted:

Tim Burks has cheerfully volunteered to be the Tournament Director for the Los Altos Robotics Covington School Competition. This is a big job that he has embraced with joyful enthusiasm. He has shown a commitment and dedication to putting on quality events for the benefit of the participating teams. He truly deserves the Outstanding Volunteer award.

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Nominator's Name and Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Schuh

Activities and involvement of the Nominee that were considered for this nomination:

Los Altos Robotics Head Judge for Covington School Competition and Los Altos Robotics Infrastructure Coordinator.

Nominator's comments on the way the activities mentioned above were conducted:

Eitan Fenson has been a FIRST LEGO League coach, competition referee, Infrastructure coordinator, and Head Judge. It is clear that his support and commitment to the program is deep and far reaching. Even after his son graduated from the program two years ago, Eitan has continued to be a big supporter. He has made the Los Altos Robotics website possible by providing a hosting machine and guidance on how to build it. His recent generosity involves volunteering to be the Head Judge for the Los Altos Robotics Covington School Competition. There is no telling how he will help FLL in the future but with a history like his, it is clear he will continue to support us.

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Nominator's Name and Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Schuh

Activities and involvement of the Nominee that were considered for this nomination:

Los Altos Robotics Head Judge for Oak School Competition and Los Altos Robotics Master Judge.

Nominator's comments on the way the activities mentioned above were conducted:

Dave Lordemann has been a FIRST LEGO League Tournament Head Judge for two years in a row. This is a big job that involves gaining a full understanding of how the judging at the Tournament will take place, selecting and creating all of the materials, and recruiting a great Judging Team. This year Dave increased his commitment by volunteering to mentor and guide the Eitan Fenson, the Head Judge for the Covington School competition. Dave is committed to excellence in his role and we are deeply thankful for his contributions.

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Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Edmond Macaluso \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominator's Name and Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Schuh

Activities and involvement of the Nominee that were considered for this nomination:

Los Altos Robotics Chairperson and Team Registrar

Nominator's comments on the way the activities mentioned above were conducted:

Edmond Macaluso created the concept of the Los Altos Robotics organization as a way to organize and coordinate volunteers devoted to bringing robotics to our children. He did all of the organizational work to make it happen and has shepherded its existence. He also volunteered to be the Board of Directors chairperson. In addition to this significant contribution, he ran the registration for the Los Altos Robotics teams this year. He truly deserves the Outstanding Volunteer award.

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Nominee's Name: Austin Schuh & Travis Schuh -- South

Award for which the nomination is made Outstanding Young Mentor Award  
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Nominator's Name and Contact Information Edmond Macaluso

Activities and involvement of the Nominee that were considered for this nomination:

Austin Schuh and Travis Schuh have mentored many of the teams this year. They developed a Training Program to help teams get started. They traveled to many team meetings to give the training program. In addition they continued throughout the session to support teams with visits to team meetings and advice and guidance.

Nominator's comments on the way the activities mentioned above were conducted:

Austin and Travis have been an inspiration to my son, and I'm sure many other players in the Los Altos Robotics program. We have been impressed, not only with their amazing robots, but with their enthusiasm at competitions.

This year, Austin and Travis prepared an outstanding presentation and video that helped the teams in Los Altos Robotics get started. It provided numerous tips and helped teams focus on some of the key mechanical issues that are always a struggle. It was also a great motivational presentation for new coaches and made many of them feel good about taking on this new volunteer role.

During the season, Austin and Travis also visited our team. All of our players were very excited, and even nervous, about the visit. The timing for us was perfect because even though we had made good progress, we had reached a point where we didn't understand what to do to make our two bots run consistently. They offered several suggestions on bot building techniques that helped the team to better understand the issues. They also gave the team confidence to keep going by telling them that we had good bots and we should be able to get them working the way we wanted.

About a week later, one of our players found a gearing flaw that he was able to fix, and after that, the bot performance and consistency was much better. We still had lots of struggles, but the team was now able to get a few projects working that they didn't think they could do. This was a big motivation to keep going.

One of the light-hearted comments that Austin said was that they planned to create a highly illegal bot for the Ocean Odyssey challenge that would solve the entire challenge by starting the bot with just a flash of light. I'm not sure if they ever found time to do it, but our players were very excited about the concept, and it certainly created a flash of excitement in their mind that they still talk about during their FLL practices.

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