

Below are the nominations for the various volunteer and mentor awards that were given out at the 2006 Los Altos Robotics Local Competitions that took place at Loyola (North Teams) and Oak Avenue (South Teams) schools on November 18. Many people help make the tournaments and Los Altos Robotics program possible and these people were recognized for their extraordinary level of commitment and volunteerism.

I would like to nominate the 3 new board members who stepped up this year and took on major roles:

Tom Sartor Took on the role of handling all kit leasing
Martin VanRyswyk Took on the roles of registration and team coordinator
Ogen Perry Took on the PR role

I would also like to nominate Dave Lordermann who stepped up many times this year when we were having trouble keeping up with team/state registration and making sure all Los Altos teams were eligible for the state tournament. He also recruited judges and found a head judge for the north tournament. A truly beyond-the-call of duty effort.

Edmond

I wish to nominate Laura Fay for taking care of the playing fields for the South tournament scrimmage and local competitions. She took on this large task and did it with good cheer, good spirit and a smile.

Michael Schuh

Michael Schuh gave Dave Lordemann the “Distinguished Service Award” for his years of service and commitment. He said the following before giving out the award at the Oak School Tournament. He delivered this award right before Dave gave out the Champion’s Award.

It is now time for the most prestigious awards. These awards are given to the stellar performers. One of these awards is going to a team and it is called the Champion's Award and is the award for the highest performing team has decided by our judges.

The award I am going to give out right now is to an individual and it is to recognize his exceptional contribution over an extended period of time. This person has been a huge contributor to the Los Altos Robotics program for many years now. He has taken on a big responsibility of organizing and making sure that all the judging goes well at our tournaments for several years now. His been responsible for creating and bringing together all of the materials and processes for making sure that your teams receive the best judging possible. This year he recruited 20 judges to support the two Los Altos

robotics tournaments. He made sure that judging goes well at the tournament currently taking place at Loyola school by providing materials and training for that tournament's head judge. He has been the head judge for the last several years at the Oak Avenue school tournament. As a head judge, he trains the judges on the day of the competition, oversees all of the judging, and is responsible for making sure that all of the judging goes well.

He always does this with good cheer, thoughtfulness, kindness, and thoroughness. I do not think there any words that can describe to you how thankful and appreciative I am that Dave Lordemann has chosen to generously spend his precious time as the Los Altos Robotics Judge Director and Head Judge. Dave told me that this is his last year in this position. I think we all are thankful for his generosity and contribution. To recognize Dave's significant contribution over an extended period of time I hereby award him the Distinguished Service Award.

Thank you,
Michael Schuh

Subject: Nomination for Outstanding Young Mentor Award
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Hello Dave,

I'd like to nominate both Austin and Travis Schuh for the Outstanding Young Mentor Award.

They have both been so willing and enthusiastic about volunteering their time to help teams get going. They are great role models for the younger children to see teenagers enthusiastic about the robotics. They spent time with my team - the Lego lords - and it was truly an inspiration for all team members, including the coach! With school commitment and all the other things that two young teenagers could be doing, their time, their dedication and enthusiasm should be recognized and encouraged.

Laura Fay
Lego Lords Coach

Nominee's Name: Austin Schuh, South
Nominator's Name and Contact Information Mark Klein

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

Austin helped the Nano Freaks with their initial program by explaining concepts and guiding them through basic coding.

Each of the Nano Freaks feels a sense of accomplishment which was based on the solid foundation that Austin and his brother created in the team.

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

Austin led half the team with enthusiasm and a smile (While his brother taught the other half of the team how to build.)

Nominee's Name: Travis Schuh

Nominator's Name and Contact Information Mark Klein

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

Travis helped the Nano Freaks design and build their robot base and helped them with the concept of motor-driven attachments.

Each of the Nano Freaks feels a sense of accomplishment which was based on the solid foundation that Travis and his brother created in the team.

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

Travis led half the team in an optimistic and enthusiastic way. (While his brother taught the other half of the team how to program.)