

Chairman's Award

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Today's Topics

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A little about me

- Started FIRST in 2002
- West Albany High School Team 957
- 4 Years as Student, 5 Years as Mentor
- Senior at Oregon State University
- NASA Robotics Academy
- Edwards Robotics Company



SWARM

- Team 957
- 9th year in FIRST
- 2002 Rookie All-Stars
- 2004 Regional Champions
- 2003/2005 Regional Chairman's Award Winners
- Merged with Team 1130 (South Albany)
- 25 Student, 10 Mentors
- Various Other Awards



What is the Chairman's Award

- Most Prestigious FIRST Award
- Example Traits
 - Role Model Team
 - Year Round Partnership Effort
 - Inspire and Promote Science and Technology
 - Sustained Multi-Year Program
 - Innovative Ways to Spread FIRST Message
 - Strong Community/FIRST Presence

Chairman's Award Facts

- Regional Awards at 43 Events / Michigan State Championship
 - Qualify for Championships
 - Only Competitors for Championships Chairman's Award
- 1 Championship Chairman's Award
 - Trip to White House?
 - Trip to Dean Kamen's House?
 - Traveling Clock Trophy
 - FIRST Hall of Fame (17 Members)
 - Allaire Medal (Jr. or Sr.)

Why is this Award Important

- I have two of them 😊
- The reward for the real meaning of the program
- Accomplish the Mission, Awards will come (not the other way around)
- Inspire Others
- Real sense of accomplishment
- Role Model

Activities

- Community Service
- Fundraisers
- Sponsor Relations
- Mentoring Other FRC Teams, FLL Teams
- Partnerships With Other Teams/Beyond
- Media Relations
- Alumni Relations
- Make Engineering Fun and Exciting
- Local, State, National, International Presence

2003 Activities - 957

- Fundraisers
 - Bake Sales, Raffles, Cookie Dough, Pop Can Drives, Sandwich Sales, Car Washes
- Mentoring
 - 5 FLL Teams, 1 New FRC Team
- Partnerships
 - FIRST Force, Oregon Regional Planning, Sponsors, Boy Scouts, High School, University
- Community Service
 - Community Clean Up/School Dance Clean Up
- Events
 - Open House, Celebration, Kickoff, Basketball Game, School Assembly, FLL Tournament, Scrimmage, OSU Expo

2005 Activities - 957

- Fundraisers
 - Bake Sales, Krispy Kreme, Pop Can Drives, Car Wash, FLC Clean Up/Cooking
- Business Plan
- Sponsor Packets
- New Website
- Project IMPORTANT
- Mentoring
 - 9 FLL Teams, 1130, 1432, Other New Teams
- Partnerships
 - FIRST Force, Oregon Regional Volunteers, Sponsors, Boy Scouts, High School, University
- Community Service
 - Community Clean Up, School Dance/Football Cleanup, Habitat for Humanity
- Events
 - Open House, Celebration, Kickoff, Basketball Games, School Assemblies, FLL Tournament, Scrimmage, OSU Expo, Da Vinci Days, Philomath Frolic, School Events

Team 236 Activities

- Championship Chairman's Award 2009
- 2009 Activities
 - Bash @ the Beach (Huge Off-Season Event)
 - Table at the Connecticut Girls Collaborative Project Conference
 - Fundraiser for Engineers Without Borders
 - FLL Teams/State Tournament
 - Green Build International Conference and Expo
 - Pancake Breakfast
 - Food drive for a fire affected team
 - Several Media Appearances (Newspaper, TV, Radio, Magazines)
- <http://sites.team236.org/2009/chairman-s-award>

Your Activities?

Examples shared at FIRST Fare:

2550 – Mentoring FLL and Hosting Kickoff

1540- Hosting FIRST Fare

1571 – Mentoring FLL Teams and Other FRC Teams

Many other examples

Essay Requirements

- 10,000 Characters
- True Meaning of FIRST?
- How strongly does the submission document the impact *FIRST has on the learning* experience of the students, school curriculum, engineers, and/or community during the 2009/2010 team year as well as in prior years?
- Has the team explained/demonstrated why/how it should be a role model for other *FIRST teams to emulate*?
- How well has the team communicated its excitement and impact within the entire school, community, and beyond (state/nation) through participation in *FIRST during the 2009/2010* team year as well as in prior years?
- Has the team documented an innovative way to spread the *FIRST message*?
- How strong of a year-round team partnership effort is reflected during the 2009/2010 team year as well as in prior years? (You can define partnership in many ways, including: the partnership among the team's students/corporate sponsor/engineers; school/university sponsor/engineers; students/adults; community/team)

Executive Summary

- Team Name
- Corporate/University Sponsors

500 Characters including Punctuation for all

- Briefly describe the impact of the *FIRST program on team participants with special emphasis on the 2009/2010 year and the preceding two years*
- Examples of role model characteristics for other teams to emulate
- Describe the impact of the *FIRST program on your team and community with special emphasis on the 2009/2010 year and the preceding two years*
- Team's innovative methods to spread the *FIRST message*
- Describe the strength of your partnership with special emphasis on the 2009/2010 year and the preceding two years
- Team's communication methods and results
- Other matters of interest to the *FIRST judges, if any*

Essay Tips

- Clear/Concise Flow
- Relevant Data/Graphs
- Write it for an engineer, not a English teacher
- Clearly define partnerships and how they are important
- Do it early, many revisions
- Share it online
- Have your non-involved parents read it and see the main points they got from the paper
- **Define your Mission**

Presentation Requirements

- 10 Minutes
 - 5 Minute Presentation (Stick to this, they may or may not stop you)
 - 5 Minutes Q & A
- 3 Representatives
- Anything goes
- Special equipment must be provided by team

Presentation Tips

- Practice From the time you write it until your presentation time
- Make it Relevant
- Make it something they will remember
- Clearly state key points
- Overused: Normal Powerpoints
- Use instead: Innovative powerpoints, video, different style of presentation, play a game,

Sample 957 Presentations

- 2003 Poster Board
- 2004 Photos
- 2005 Powerpoint/Scrapbook
- 2006 Powerpoint/Formal Attire
- 2007 Powerpoint
- 2008 Skit
- 2009 Flip Charts

Video

- Can also be effective as a presentation tool
- 1-3 Minutes
- Clean Audio
- 16:9 Aspect Ratio
- Free of Copyright restrictions
- Video may consist of:
 - Video tape footage
 - Voice over/music over still photographs
 - Animated presentation
 - PowerPoint converted to movie file format
- Required for judging

236 Video

http://sites.team236.org/2009/chairman-s-award/team236_ca2009.mov?attredirects=0

Judges Questions

- Yearbook Page Helps!
- Focus on individuals, alumni, team events
- Sample
 - How did you recruit new members?
 - How did you spread the message of FIRST?
 - Why should you get the Chairman's Award?
 - How can you measure your impact in your community?
 - What is your plan for team sustainability?
 - How is your team run?
 - What was one thing you will work on improving?
 - What was the one thing you did the best?
 - How does your team recruit?
 - What methods of communication does your team use?
 - What does Gracious Professionalism mean to you?

Hall of Fame Teams

- Team 236
- Team 842
- Team 365
- Team 111
- Team 67
- Team 254
- Team 103
- Team 175
- Team 22
- Team 16
- Team 120
- Team 23
- Team 47
- Team 144
- Team 151
- Team 191
- Team 7

Questions?

If you have any questions or you want your Chairman's Award entries to be reviewed please contact Nate Edwards (info@team957.com)

If you want to be involved with Project IMPORTANT please contact Nate as well.