

Round Table Robotics is pleased to nominate Megan Janquart for the 2018 Dean's List Award. This is Megan's second year involved with FIRST on the Round Table Robotics team. She is committed to being an example of the ideals of FIRST. In robotics, Megan is a leader, she is an entrepreneur, contributes to the team in many ways, and has gained many skills from being on the team. She promotes awareness of FIRST and plans on mentoring a team after her days of being a student member are over.

Leadership is an essential skill for personal and team success in FIRST. Megan has taken advantage of some new leadership opportunities that have come up because of joining Round Table Robotics. This year, Megan became the sponsor liaison. As the sponsor liaison, she organized spreadsheets and meetings to contact companies that may be interested in sponsoring our team. In addition, she is the Quartermaster. As a Quartermaster, she cleans and organizes the shops, as well as organizes and put away the toolboxes. In addition to these leadership roles, she was selected to give a presentation with two other team members to the district administrators. Through this presentation, she explained our accomplishments and asked for more space and proposed ways to have more students in the district involved in STEM. These proposals included creating a makerspace, a FIRST Tech Challenge team, and a farm bot.

Additionally, she increased awareness of FIRST in my school by recommending Round Table Robotics to her peers. At the eighth-grade open house, she promoted Round Table Robotics by handing out flyers and talking to future Oak Creek High School students about joining the team. Megan has volunteered at demos in the community to spread the message of FIRST. In addition, she posts pictures on social media to spread the success and mission of Round Table Robotics. This year, Megan assisted with a FLL team that we were working with in Kenosha, as well as helping at the FLL event at East Middle School again.

Megan's passion for learning more about robotics has led her to develop technical expertise. In various activities, she has learned to use machines in both the wood and machine shops. In addition to learning new skills for building the robot, Megan was a member of the drive team, and learned various skills to communicate with the other drivers at their stations using hand signals. These examples show that she can continue to learn new skills, even if she already know a little about the topic.

Another important aspect of FIRST is entrepreneurship and creativity. This year, Megan assisted with the start of the sponsor team. She would give sponsor homework and invite anyone on the team to come on sponsor tours and demos. She would have meetings to contact the companies that team members contributed with their homework and create spreadsheets to keep track of companies that we have contacted regarding sponsorships.

Above all, Megan is an exemplary display of the ideals of FIRST with increased awareness of FIRST through activities such as helping FLL teams, and the use of her technical skills she has learned to teach the next generation what she has learned through mentoring a team. Furthermore, she has made many contributions to the team both this year and last year through her entrepreneur and leadership role as sponsor liaison and a member of the manipulator team.