

Robotics Senior Awards

May 2026

This year's Robotics Award winners were announced at the Presentation Awards Assembly in May.

The **Excellence in Robotics Award** recognizes a dedicated team member who utilizes her knowledge to improve both the team and also the community by promoting STEM activities, actively shaping the female leaders of tomorrow through inspiration and innovation. By guiding her teammates, she is committed to helping them become well-versed in the various aspects of robotics.

The winner of this award is **Melissa Chen**! She has logged over 961 hours in robotics meetings during her 4 years on the team. She served as a member of our student leadership team for two of those years, as a Software Tools Lead and then as Director. She played a significant role in improving the Android Scouting app and Scouting WebApp graphics and content. She also contributed to our competition successes as Scouting Lead at many tournaments over the past 2 years. Her goal of making scouting accurate and fun led to several improvements to the collection and analysis of scouted data.



The **Exceptional Robotics Member Award** is given to the team member who puts in relentless effort and time into improving the robotics program. She uses her expertise to educate and train other students to develop skills in order to think more critically to solve challenges. When faced with hardships, she always puts an optimistic attitude forward and promotes a positive team culture. She is consistently respectful towards others and represents the team professionally at all events.

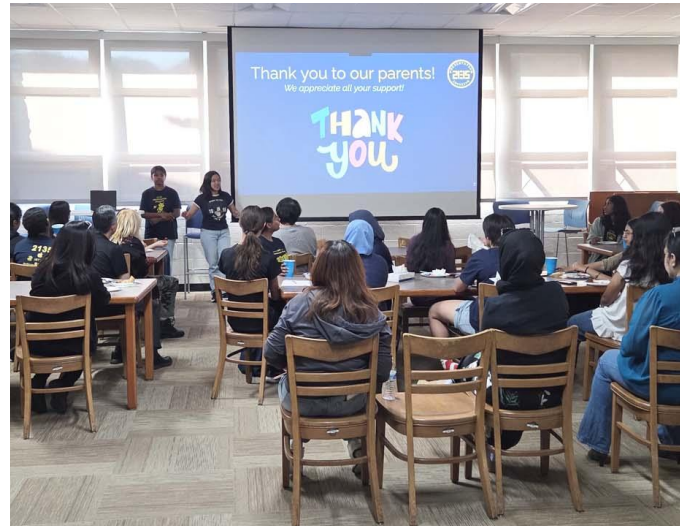
The winner of this award is **Nishka Sethi**! She has logged over 823 hours in her 4 years in robotics. She has been a member of our student leadership team for two of those years, as a Control Systems and Programming Lead and then Director. She also was Human Player for 2 events in 2024 and Drive Team Technician for this past season's events. She brings a calm and approachable demeanor to all her efforts, which is important for software development and drive team focus at events.



End-of-the-Year Party!

May 15, 2026

Our annual End-of-the-Year Party was held on May 15th at the Presentation Learning Commons. Team members and their families gathered to celebrate everything we accomplished this past school year. Everyone brought something delicious to share at this potluck event. On display were the three robots the team built during Build Season: our Rebuilt robot, Toph, the practice robot and the Everybot, Boulder. Also on show were our newly-won trophies! We watched the [End-of-Year video](#) that highlighted the year's work, events, and fun! A fabulous way to finish the year!



Painting Party!

May 2026

Since we had to move all the furniture in the Mechanical Design room out of the way so that blinds could be installed, we decided that it would be a good time to repaint the room! With the students busy with studying for AP tests and finals, the mentors took the opportunity to bring some color into the room. The photo on the right shows the original design room, before painting. The photos below show the progress and results, which turned out fabulous!

