

*Evan Solley nominated as Volunteer of the Month by
Neah-Kah-Nie High School*

Evan Solley contacted me last summer wanting to start a Robotics program at NKN High School. Little did I know how dedicated Evan would be, or that he would spend literally hundreds of hours helping NKN high school students navigate the complexity of robot development. Evan is an amazing asset to our program, and indeed we would not have a Robotics program at the high school without him. Evan' fundraising efforts brought in funds from Eugene Schmuck Foundation, ODE, and Mudd-Nicks totalling around \$5,000 this year. Robots aren't cheap, and league fees and other expenses kept adding up, Evan kept track of this for our students, and made sure that they had everything they needed to be successful in this competition.

Evan says that his goals for the team are to "Experiment, fail (softly), and learn. Strive to excel. Have Fun" and he has certainly lived up to this goal. Our team has performed very successfully in league competition, and much of that success rests on Evan's shoulders.

I would be remiss not to mention how thankful I am for the whole Solley family, as Evan brings his wife Lisa or daughter Lizzie to every practice and event he attends.