

The FLL Medallion

Coaches, mentors, and kids dedicate at least eight weeks, fifty hours or more, to embracing science and technology as accessible, fun, and rewarding. This experience makes a difference in communities, schools, families, and individuals. Team members learn and share, astounding those around them with new information, and revelations as they learn how to contribute to the world.

As FLL veterans, team members can intelligently discuss concepts that many other people find difficult and intimidating. They also know how to share and develop ideas as part of a small, hardworking, closely knit team. The process that got them to this point defines each one of them as an FLL champion and winner, and this medallion recognizes and celebrates this achievement.

“OCEAN ODYSSEY” Presentation Awards

Research Quality Award

An impressive presentation begins with dedication and perseverance, putting in the time and effort to read and formulate an in-depth understanding of the science that surrounds the Project question. This award is given to the team that utilized diverse resources that positively impacted the overall presentation.

Winner: _____ Team 2348 Aqua Titans _____

Innovative Solution Award

Solutions to problems come in many different forms, limited only by the team's imagination. This award recognizes the team that developed the most thought provoking and innovative resolution to the “OCEAN ODYSSEY” Project.

Winner: _____ Team 5123 Hermosa Dolphins _____

Research/Creative Presentation

Translating the depth of knowledge and the solution to a problem takes many different formats. This award is presented to the team that grabbed the judges' attention with a creative, imaginative presentation that was cohesive and reflected the team's knowledge and understanding of the “OCEAN ODYSSEY” Project.

Winner: _____ Team 2708 @FB + 2D _____

Team Spirit Award

You know they are coming before you see them. Their enthusiasm and laughter catches you off guard every time. You may not know the team name or number, but you can describe what they look like and what they do. Everyone knows them! They rock the house, and they make science and technology fun, accessible, and rewarding. The Team Spirit Award goes to:

Winner: _____ Team 2638 Esperanza Sharks _____

Against All Odds Award

Adversity and hardship come in many forms and sizes, but despite this, FLL teams learn to overcome incredible odds, persevere, and never give up. They take a bad situation or problem and do whatever it takes to adapt and improvise to keep going. We recognize this team for their stick-to-it determination, and the Against All Odds Award goes to:

Winner: _____ Team 4792 Isaac Middle School _____

Robot Design Awards

Robot Dependability/Consistency Award

The best designs make products that are consistent over time and dependable under changing conditions. This award goes to the team whose robot most consistently and dependably works every time.

Winner: _____ Team 5047 Scorpion Avengers _____

Innovative Design Award

This award goes to the team best demonstrating its ability to think “out of the box.” Judges consider the most original approach to solving the *Challenge* missions, either through the team’s robot design, construction, or programs.

Winner: _____ Team 298 The Awesomes _____

Innovative Programming Award

FLL presents this award to the team that understands outstanding programming principles. This team's robot demonstrated programming mastery.

Winner: _____ Team 2567 Ocean Nerds _____

Robot Performance Award

Sometimes we measure success by a number only, but in this case, number one represents hours of strategizing and improving team members' mechanical and programming expertise. This award goes to the team whose overall package of robot design, programming, strategy, and teamwork helped it to achieve the competition goal of acquiring more points than any other team.

1st Runner Up: _____ Team 2708 2FB + _____

Winner: _____ Team 2567 Ocean N.E.R.D.S. _____

Teamwork/ FLL Values Award

Teamwork is critical to succeed in *FIRST* LEGO League and is the key ingredient in any team's success. This award is presented to the team whose members best demonstrate extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit, exceptional partnership, the utmost respect for their own teammates, and support and encouragement of fellow teams. They demonstrated confidence, energy, strong problem solving skills, and great group dynamics.

Runner up: _____ Team 2209 Moby Bricks _____

Winner: _____ Team 2569 Rocky River Researchers _____

Rookie Award

A fearless brigade of rookies entered the fascinating FLL process this year. This award goes to the team who rises above and beyond what is expected of rookies and shows promise to be ranked among the most elite veteran teams when they return next season.

Winner: _____ Team 2928 Hermosa Hawks_____

Winner: _____ Team 4877 and 4879 Si Se Puede_____

Adult Coach/Mentor Award

Many teams reach significant milestones of success, thanks to their close relationship with an adult coach or mentor. It is this adult who graciously gives his or her time and understands the need for kids to have hands-on technology experience. This award goes to the coach or mentor whose wisdom, guidance, patience, and devotion were most clearly evident in his/her team's discussion with the judges. The award goes to one such outstanding leader:

Winner: _____ Team 2348/4554 Chris Minamy_____

Honorable mention to team 298 Coaches representing the Awesomes

Young Adult Mentor Award

This award is presented to the young adult, high school through college age coach/mentor, whose impact and inspiration, devotion, guidance, and support were most clearly evident in the team's discussion with the judges.

Winner: _____ Team 4172/4173 Derek Dell_____

Director's Award

Teams win other awards for being best in a particular award category. This most prestigious award goes to the team who, in the big picture, is the strongest in all of the categories combined. The Director's Award winner is the total package---the embodiment of the *FIRST* LEGO® League vision. The Director's Award encompasses five key elements of the Technical and Team Performance Awards – Robot Design, Robot Performance, Project Presentation, and Teamwork, as well as honoring the team's understanding and practice of Gracious Professionalism, exemplifying FLL Values and their understanding of the true meaning of *FIRST* and *FIRST* LEGO® League.

The FLL experience is more than building robots or attending competitions. It begins with the robot, but most importantly, it is defined by how the children unite to form a team. The program impacts each of them as individuals and as team members.

This award celebrates the ultimate success of the *FIRST* mission and FLL Values. It measures how the children inspire others about the accessibility and excitement of science, technology, and engineering while demonstrating respect, encouragement, and continued gracious professionalism. The winning team is given the honor of serving as a valued role model for *FIRST* and the *FIRST* LEGO® League Program.

2nd Runner up: _____ Team 2569 Rocky River Researchers__

1st Runner up: _____ Team 2567 Ocean N.E.R.D.S._____

Before presenting the award to the Director's award winner, I have a special announcement, **Honeywell Corporation is offering a \$1,000 grant** to cover the registration fee for the winning team, should they decide to represent Arizona at the *FIRST* LEGO League World Festival in Atlanta Georgia next April.

Winner: _____ Team 2708 2FB + 2D_____