

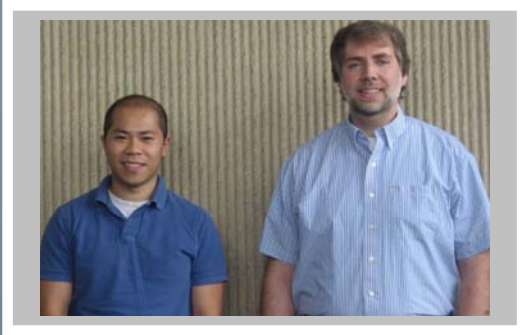


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# In the Community:

## FIRST Robotics Mentors



### Personal Testimonies

“I started being a mentor in FIRST, because I never had the opportunity to get involved when I was in high school. I didn’t have the time nor did my high school have the resources for it. More importantly, I wanted to be an inspiration to the students, to show them that you can still have fun while learning and striving to complete a goal.

The valuable experience I receive from mentoring is that I’ve learned how to interact with students in a way keep them inspired and focused. I think one of the most important aspects of working with students is to allow them to question how something is done and to go through multiple solution paths for one problem without leading them straight to an answer.”

**-Gafei Szeto** (at left above)

“I started getting involved with FIRST Robotics originally because I saw the robot at a Harris event and then attended a meeting where they were seeking mentors. The value lies in the reward of watching the kids learn and grow. It’s amazing to watch a student go from having never heard of a certain tool or process to becoming proficient with it throughout the season.”

**-Tony Dal Santo** (at right above)

Want to get out in the community, lend your technical talent and help inspire our future workforce of technical minds? Check out the great work these Rochester employees are doing as mentors for FIRST Robotics.

**FIRST** (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was founded in 1989 to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology, and Harris RF has a long history of supporting our local FIRST Robotics teams. The employees listed below are part of a team that works year round, collectively donating **thousands** of hours of their personal time. This past year, they mentored **36 high school students**. Five of the six seniors on the team will be going to college and majoring in a technical field. Overall, of the 51 Penfield graduates who have participated in the FIRST program, 48 have gone on to college and 37 of those have entered a technical field.

These are just a sample of the many activities our FIRST mentors organized this year: 3 Intervol visits to sort medical supplies for third world nations; 2 Penfield FIRST Lego League Camps; Monroe County Legislature Meeting; Penfield Clean-up Day; Small Business Counsel Thanksgiving Basket Drive; Barktober Fest at the Lollypop Farm; Simon Electronics Trade Show Demonstration; Light the Night Walk to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; Hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive.

**Way to go, FIRST mentors, for making a difference in our community!**

**Amy Averill, David Burlone, David Schoepe, Dean Smith, Eric Averill, Gafei Szeto, Joshua Gannon, Karen Fellows, Kevin Lloyd, Larry Lewis Jr., Tony Dal Santo**

Interested in becoming a FIRST mentor? Contact [Larry Lewis](#)

