

The Heroes of Tomorrow team is proud to nominate Emma Beattie for the 2013 Dean's List Award. This is Emma's third year with the HOT team and every year she finds ways to contribute even more than the year before.

Emma's first year with the team was 2011, a year that presented a difficult challenge for the HOT team. When the team qualified for the State competition that year, our display at the State competition was very disappointing. A group of students were challenged to make improvements to the display in time for the World competition, but at the last minute, many resigned from the team. Emma Beattie, a sophomore and new team member, stepped up to the challenge. She recruited another first year HOT team member and together they consulted mentor Mary Beth Waldo to recreate the theme of the 2005 HOT team, the year the team won the FIRST Chairman's Award. The result was simple yet engaging and the display turned out to be very colorful and compelling. She further assumed responsibility for manning the booth at the World Championship that year and enthusiastically conveyed HOT team information to countless attendees. With no expectation of fanfare – Emma recognized what needed to be done and did it with excellence.

Emma wants the HOT team to be well known and understood both in the broader FIRST community and at home. The story of the Hall of Fame booth is only the beginning and really set the tone for Emma's involvement the next two seasons. She has initiated and organized too many events to list, and has done them all with humble excellence. Recent examples include her invitation to the rookie Brighton/Howell team to join us for lunch and then make introductions. She takes on the stray students and ensures they are engaged- brings the loners to the table without being asked. She coordinates outside activities to increase team cohesiveness such as button making parties and bowling outings.

Emma champions the essay submissions for Woodie Flowers, Teacher of the Year, GM Mentor of the Year, GM Team of the Year. Emma is articulate and innovative in her writing and has helped others on the team to grow in this area. As a member of the leadership committee she introduces ideas for promoting the team and then produces plans for the execution of the ideas – she follows through on everything she agrees to do. Emma has presented ideas to the team's Board of Directors with the intent of engaging the HOT team with other teams and improving our involvement with all facets of the community. She initiates ideas to inspire team spirit at competitions and during the off season.

Any mentor who has worked with her knows they can count on her leadership to execute tasks or rally the other students. She learns quickly and stays focused on her tasks until complete. She does this all without calling attention to herself and ensuring that others get credit for their efforts. As a first year member of the electrical team, she was quickly trusted with major tasks due to her quick learning and has earned a place on the pit team for her skill and dedication.

For more reasons than we could possibly list here, Emma Beattie is Team 67's choice for the Dean's List Award.