

The Heroes of Tomorrow team is proud to nominate Lukas Sencszyn for the 2013 Dean's List Award. This is Lukas's third year with the HOT team.

In 2011, there was an unfortunate event during our main fundraiser that resulted in discipline for several students. This included prohibition from travelling with the team. Lukas, an incoming freshman, was among the students affected by this discipline. During the remainder of the build season Lukas proved to be very engaged and clearly enjoyed being on the team. When it came time to travel with the team and Lukas was not permitted to go he was clearly disappointed, and politely asked for the decision to be reconsidered. The decision was not overturned and he did not travel with the team. Unlike some of the other affected students, Lukas stayed with the team, and has been a genuine inspiration to other team members and mentors.

Lukas is fully engaged in the robot build and has been a critical member of the Mechanical Build team. According to mentor Adam Freeman, "Lukas has the skills required to complete any task given to him and his participation has directly affected the build quality of our machines." Lukas is extremely motivated, completing his projects quickly, and helping other students with their projects. His good nature is infectious. Mentor Russ Sweet notes that "He's always teaching younger and less experienced members of the team, developing them into valuable contributors like him."

Lukas has a great work ethic – staying long hours and taking on any task required – everything from vacuuming the practice carpet to wiring the robot. He is routinely selected for the pit crew and/or drive team because he is capable, willing, and completely dedicated. In 2012, Lukas earned a position on the HOT pit crew. Pit crew members commit many hours of time and are always working under the intense pressure of competition. For the 2013 FIRST Robotics season, Lukas has showed the skill level, maturity, and dedication required to earn the position of driver on the HOT drive team. Lukas' focus on developing and improving his skills as a driver will have a direct effect on the performance of our robot on the field.

Lukas has vision for the HOT team. He really believes that we are an exemplary team and strives to share the best aspects of the team. As a member of the student leadership committee Lukas is championing the design and purchase of team spirit apparel (particularly lanyards) and volunteering to host the HOT team booth at several events. We are fortunate to have his enthusiasm at work to encourage greater student participation and new membership.

For these reasons and many more, Lukas Sencszyn is Team 67's choice for the Dean's List Award.