**Name of person being nominated:** Brian Lucas

**Nominee Team #:** 365

**Name of person submitting nomination:** Katie Chambers

Brian started with MOE365 in 2001 as a student programmer and never left. In 2004 he co-founded FRC1495 & worked with both since. Tim Tarkanick, 1495 mentor, “Brian had been a valuable asset to 1495 spending countless hours helping with code & wiring. Brian's dedication & determination helped our team excel in programming.” In 2012, Brian helped start FRC4342. Dan Folmar, 4342 mentor “Our rookie year would have been MUCH less successful without Brian's help.” During the final week of 2012 build he shuttled between all 3 teams, each more than 30 minutes apart.

An example of Brian’s commitment is relayed by 4342. “Brian had a ski trip in UT that weekend & was sorry that he wouldn't be there to support our team. Imagine my surprise when, just as the bell sounded on one of our first qualifying matches, I received a text from Brian explaining the details of our score & congratulating me on the win! Brian had watched, analyzed, & commented on our score almost before I had registered the fact that we won. His detailed communications lasted throughout the weekend. I know how much Brian loves to ski, but I also know how much he loves FIRST. That proved to me that Brian was fully committed to our team & that he wouldn't let even thousands of miles & acres of powder distract him from his responsibilities as our mentor.”

As a communicator Brian is a reliable source on anything FIRST & is dubbed the “walking FIRST encyclopedia.” Steve M, a programming student says "Brian is one of the most knowledgeable mentors on MOE. Ask him about anything on the robot & he CAN tell you more about it than the creators can. From electrical to scouting he knows almost everything there is to know about FIRST."

Brian volunteers with FIRST on & off-season. He served as a robot inspector since 2003 & worked many District, Regional & Championship events. He served as Lead Robot Inspector for Lenape. He is an active volunteer at the Duel on the DE (11 years) & other off seasons. His favorite part of being an inspector is helping teams fix a problem so they can pass inspection.

Mentors & students agree that Brian is a source of unconditional guidance, but never demands things to be his way. Dan from 4342 - “I've rarely, if ever, seen Brian take control of a discussion & demand things be done his way. When he has a strong opinion he'll offer up a solution, provide the facts as he sees them, & then quietly move on to the next challenge.” The help he provides is always done with a smile. You can hear Brian’s contagious laughter no matter where you are in the lab.

John Larock – FRC365 says “Brian is the essence of what a FIRST mentor should be – he teaches, guides, directs, & motivates in a fun way while showing students that engineering is a fun career to pursue.” With a dedicated mind, undying commitment to FIRST, & a genuine & caring heart, Brian exemplifies what FIRST stands for as a mentor, communicator, & most importantly, an inspirer.