

**Name of person being nominated: Mrs. Kim Watkins**

**Nominee Team #: 3151**

**Name of person submitting nomination: Suzanne Belding**

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*Describe why the person being nominated should be recognized through this award (600 words or less):*

Team 3151 would like to nominate Mrs. Kim Watkins for the “Michael Wade” Duel Master Volunteer Award. We would like to nominate her because she is able to inspire the team, communicate with the team, and she demonstrates role model behavior. For these reasons and many more we feel she is more than fit to receive this award.

Mrs. Watkins is always able to inspire the team. She comes to every single meeting and event and gives us all energy and encouragement as she helps us understand our full potential and guides us along the path to reaching it. She always makes sure we are on task and that things are getting done. Mrs. Watkins also assists us with fundraising and inspiring and organizing us each year to contact as many local businesses as possible to look for sponsors and ways to help our team.

Mrs. Watkins is an effective communicator. At the beginning of each year she goes around to every team member and introduces herself. She makes a comprehensive list of every team member’s name, phone number, and email so that she can stay in touch with us and give us up to date information throughout the week. Another thing she does is organize team pot lucks. She gathers all team members and we host a huge dinner. This dinner is open to all team members and their parents. It is not only a great way for her to meet us, but an awesome way for everyone on the team to communicate with each other and grow closer. She also puts together another pot luck at the end of the year so that we may celebrate the year we had and decide what we plan to do next year.

Additionally, Mrs. Watkins acts as liaison between our team meetings and our Parent

Booster Organization. She assists with paperwork, fundraising, and all the behind the scenes things like sponsor banners and T shirts.

Along with her ability to inspire us and communicate with us she is also able to demonstrate role model behavior. One example is her gracious professionalism. She always corrects us in a nice and kind manner, clearly explaining what we did wrong. Another thing she does is offer to help any other team that stops by asking for help. Mrs. Watkins also takes the team by the hand whenever her guidance is needed. Kim Watkins is a committed team volunteer. She puts tons of long hours and hard work into making us the best we can be. When talking about spirit, she has tons. Every competition she is up in the stands cheering and rooting us on even when our team is not doing all that well and everyone is down on their luck. She is always the loudest one, too. Mrs. Watkins is firmly committed to team spirit. She has been involved in making our Safety Captain's tiara – hardhats, in making our Cyberstorm cloud and lightning bolt signs , and in ordering designing and purchasing our foam #1 “fingers” for our fans in the stands. The foam “fingers” were a big hit with the team, and just another example of how Kim Watkins volunteers her time and shows her spirit. Overall Mrs. Watkins is an amazing role model.

For all of these reasons mentioned above and many more; we feel Mrs. Watkins would be the best person you could ever give this award to. She inspires the team in everything she does, is one of the best communicators in the world, and has exemplary role model behavior. Along with these she is also 100% dedicated to the team and everything we do. She is not only a person the team looks up to, but a person everyone should strive to be more like. The whole team is so thankful for everything she does, and

everything she continues to do for us and Team 3151 would love to share this gratitude by awarding her with the honor of winning the Duel Master Volunteer 2014 Award.