

Name of person being nominated: Rosanne Danner

Nominee Team #: 316

Name of person submitting nomination: Wyatt Retkowski/Conor Townsend

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

Mrs. Danner has put countless hours of work into our team. Her leadership has brought together mentors, students, parents, and sponsors to grow team 316 into an organization that promotes FIRST throughout our area. Mrs. Danner's work to grow the FIRST presence in South Jersey began when she became the Team Leader of the LuNaTeCs over nine years ago. She inspires the team to push through any obstacle by reminding the team that anything can be accomplished through hard work. And when the team is not meeting, she sends out emails relaying how proud she is of the team and always inspires confidence in the students.

Mrs. Danner's specialty is communication. She has always encouraged the students to communicate their ideas with one another in a more efficient manner. As a result the team has improved its internal communications immensely. Where it used to be a common problem that students were left out of the email chain, the team now uses a website called wiggio that acts as a central place for events involving the team to be posted. Secondly, Mrs. Danner acts as an intermediary between the students and the boards of education at the college and the local schools. This has been a deciding factor in securing the team its location at SCC and support from the county school system. Third, Mrs. Danner uses her ability to communicate to help encourage parental participation, especially during the build season when support from the parents can make the difference between weekly meetings and weekly arguments.

Mrs. Danner always acts in a manner that is in accordance with the values of FIRST and encourages the team to follow suit. She encourages the team members to diversify their skill set and to build upon their strengths. Mrs. Danner has also helped further the values of FIRST by leading the creation of the nonprofit organization South Jersey Robotics, Inc. It has since expanded under her leadership from just an FRC team to include five FLL teams and an FTC team reaching over seventy-five students each year. She has been serving on the MAR board of directors for the past two years. She also worked on forming a network of small teams whose goal was to combat the struggles associated with having fewer members. Additionally, Mrs. Danner organizes classes in the fall semester to train students in the technical aspects of the program. She works with our partner school to give our students the opportunity to earn college credits while on the team. She inspires each of the students to pursue post-secondary education in STEM related fields. Mrs. Danner lives out the key values of FIRST through her hard work and dedication. She is an inspiration not only to her team, but to all of us.