Senior Mentor Conference Call – Chairman's Award
Wednesday, November 12th, 2008
7:00pm

The vision of *FIRST*

"To transform our culture by creating a world where science and technology are celebrated and where young people dream of becoming science and technology heroes."

The Chairman's Award

Every year, veteran FRC Teams have the opportunity to compete for *FIRST's* most prestigious award, The Chairman's Award. The Chairman's Award was created to maintain focus on changing culture in ways that will inspire greater levels of respect and honor for science and technology, as well as encourage more of today's youth to become scientists, engineers, and technologists. It represents the spirit of *FIRST*. The Chairman's Award honors the team that best embodies the goals and purpose of *FIRST* and is a model for other teams to emulate.

Issues included in conference:

- How do you form the committee that works on this application?
- How do you bring together all the pieces and write the submission?
- How do you create the presentation? Who do you practice in front of?
- Why should all teams submit Chairman's?
- What should teams focus on to change the culture?
- What kind of a change is a good change?
- How do you document your activities?
- How do you get politically involved?
- How do raise the level of team cooperation in your area?
- Why and how should you share all your knowledge?
- How to deal with the media?
- How to use the internet to raise your teams profile?
- How do you extend your teams influence outside FIRST?
- Why and how should you do an many public presentations as possible?
- Why and how should you take on the school board to affect change?

Resources:

2008 Chairman's Award Rules (see section 5.4):
http://www.usfirst.org/uploadedFiles/Community/FRC/FRC_Documents_and_Updates/2008_Assets/Manual/5%20-Awards%20RevC.pdf

Falcon Robotics Chairman Submissions:
http://www.phxhs.k12.az.us/education/components/docmgr/default.php?sectiondetailid=69513&fileitem=16101

Falcon Robotics Website: http://www.phxhs.k12.az.us/education/club/club.php?sectionid=3670

Falcon Robotics Blog: http://falconrobotics.blogspot.com/

Hosts:

Fredi Lajvardi and Allan Cameron are *FIRST* Senior Mentors and coaches of the Carl Hayden High School Falcon Robotics Team 842. The team was founded in 2001 and submitted a Chairman's submission every year since 2002. Neither has been a judge nor do they have any "insiders information" about the selection of Chairman winners, but they have been successfully coaching their team to two regional and one national Engineering Inspiration Award, one national Chairman Honorable mention, four regional Chairman Awards and in 2008 they were awarded the National Chairman trophy.

Falcon Robotic's Team 842 *FIRST* Awards:

- 2003 CA Delphi "Driving Tomorrow's Technology"
- 2004 AZ Engineering Inspiration Award
- 2005 CMP Engineering Inspiration Award
- 2005 AZ Regional Chairman's Award
- 2006 AZ Regional Chairman's Award
- 2006 CMP Chairman's Honorable Mention #3
- 2007 AZ Regional Finalist
- 2007 AZ Regional Chairman's Award
- 2007 NV Engineering Inspiration Award
- 2008 CA KPC&B Entrepreneurship
- 2008 CMP Finalist - Archimedes Division
- 2008 NV Regional Finalist
- 2008 NV KPC&B Entrepreneurship
- 2008 AZ UL Industrial Safety Award
- 2008 AZ Regional Chairman's Award
- 2008 CMP Chairman's Award Winner

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Websites with projects we are involved with:

Carl Hayden High School Robotics team webpage
http://www.phxhs.k12.az.us/education/club/club.php?sectionid=3670

National Underwater Robotics Challenge website
www.h2orobots.org

FIRST Tech Challenge for Arizona
http://azfirsttech.org/default.aspx

Arizona Promoters of Applied Science in Education
http://apaseplace.org/default.aspx

Arizona *FIRST* Lego League
http://azlego.googlepages.com/

FIRST AZ
http://firstaz.org/default.aspx