

MEHAL KASHYAP

ENTERING CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL OF 2019

Heart-warming message from Mehal and her parents

Dear Mrs. Elizabeth and Mr. Dennis,

As you know, I will be attending Carnegie Mellon's School of Computer Science this fall. These past couple years at Storming Robots have allowed me not only to get into Carnegie Mellon, they have helped me unearth a passion, one which I would not have otherwise discovered, for robotics.

For the past six years, I have attended Storming Robots almost every weekend for at least two hours. But that does not mean that I have spent an average of two hours at Storming Robots every weekend. It is a testament to your dedication that I have spent so much time here, whether it be for taking classes or competing.

One particular instance that always comes to mind when I think of your dedication is the summer of 2017; while my team and I were prepping for RoboCup Junior in Japan over the summer, you kept the center open on weekends so that we could work on our robots. When we decided to change our platform once again, you helped us replan and rebuild our robots. The amount of time you have put towards our success is a true testament to the dedication that you have for not only my success, but the success of all students that attend Storming Robots.

Besides your dedication, I must thank you for the countless opportunities that you have provided me. Never would I have thought, when I first started attending Storming, that I would have the opportunity to code for satellites on the International Space Station! Or travel to Germany and Japan to compete internationally in robotics, or tell people that I have a job teaching robotics to kids. These opportunities have formed my goals for the future and the person that I have become over the course of both middle school and high school.

However, I think I will miss your mentorship the most. Over the past six years, you have provided me a second home at Storming Robots. I always look forward to coming on Saturdays to see the fridge stocked with orange juice (my favorite!) or to have a conversation about Jetsons or vending machines or Teslas.

Words cannot describe the amount of gratitude that I have for Storming Robots. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything that you have done for my family and me.



Mehal at 6th Grade



Mehal at 12th Grade

Thank you once again,
Mehal

From Mehal's parent, Vasuki Subbaramu June 13th, 2019

Dear Elizabeth and Dennis

As you know Mehal is stepping into a new phase of her life. Both of you have played a major influence on her and we are very fortunate and blessed that you were her mentors and teachers for that past 6 years.

We knew she was an able kid, but your mentoring and tough love has helped her blossom into a bright, independent, analytically thinking woman. In other words, she went from a Statically Thinking Lady to a Dynamic Thinking Lady. Storming Robots has helped her develop computational and engineering skills along with inculcating value of mentorship and teamwork.

Thank you for being amazing mentors, teachers, friends, helping her along the way, being tough when needed, nudging her to do good things, and nurturing her interest in computer science and engineering. We as parents are blessed with a bright child like her, and credit goes to you for polishing her abilities and pushing her to do well to the best of her abilities.

Once again, Thank You for all you have done.

- Sowmya and Vasuki