

Citizen Recipient



Wan-Shu Lu

Wan-Shu Lu has started and managed four Lake Oswego robotics teams. She dedicates over 600 hours per year to her teams. They have competed in the Oregon State Championship for 11 years and the International World Championship for the last four years. Wan-Shu is currently the lead coach of Tobor Tech, which won first place in Oregon and was one of two Oregon teams to go on to the World Championship in 2022. Parents and fellow mentors note how Wan-Shu connects with students

to create personal goals and encourage interest. Wan-Shu is on the Lake Oswego Robotics board.

Wan-Shu describes her experience working with students:

“In 2010, I started a small Lego robotics team with a couple friends of my son. Being a mother of two with a social science degree and working as an accountant, I never imagined that robotics would one day become a central part of my life and have the impact it has brought to the community. Over the past 12 years, I’ve grown alongside some of the most creative, hardworking, and ambitious students in the community. We worked together for hundreds of hours every year to research, build, program, and bond. The team became a FIRST Tech Challenge team in 2014 and joined Lake Oswego Robotics to collaborate with the school district. It gradually grew bigger in size, fostered multiple graduating classes, and even won the most prestigious awards year after year at state and world championships. I deeply appreciate the support from all the mentors, parents, and community. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of these young talents’ lives and to be their friend. I am even more thrilled to see how their team experiences shape their careers, developing skills they can apply in college and beyond, and making life-long friends. It’s an honor to receive the SASEE award, and I hope my story inspires more individuals to support and join youth robotics, which provides so many educational benefits beyond the scope of primary school education.”