



**NM FLL Las Cruces Qualifier – November 17, 2018  
Champion's Award**

The **Champion's Award** recipient is the total package – the embodiment of the *FIRST* LEGO League vision. The Champion's Award encompasses – Robot Design, Robot Performance, Project, and Core Values.

This award recognizes a team that demonstrates the entirety of the FLL experience, by fully embracing our Core Values while achieving excellence and innovation in both the Robot Game and Project. The FLL experience is more than building robots or attending competitions. It begins with the robot, but most importantly, it is defined by how the children unite to form a team. The program impacts each of them as individuals and as team members.

<b>Award</b>	<b>Team #</b>	<b>Team Name</b>	<b>Citation</b>
<b>Champion's Award</b>	12861	H.O.T. Squad	<i>Heroes from a city afar, They persist through heated competition, Heroes of tomorrow, these winners are</i>

**Advancing Teams (in team # order)**

<b>Team #</b>	<b>Team Name</b>
1439	Mini NEO's
11985	Columbia Astrobots 1
12629	Area 51
12861	H.O.T. Squad
25370	Robo Rangers
36378	Cosmic Hot Interstellar
38755	Houston, We Have a Problem
41512	Mini ENS
42961	Bots with Thoughts



### Core Values Awards

The FLL Core Values are the cornerstones of the FLL program. They are among the fundamental elements that distinguish FLL from other programs of its kind. FIRST LEGO League presents this award to the team that best demonstrates extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit, inspiration, exceptional partnership, and the utmost respect to its own teammates and in its support and encouragement of fellow teams.

Award	Team #	Team Name	Citation
Core Values - First place	36378	Cosmic Hot Interstellar	<i>Core Values are elementary for this team. They were “dying” to get to the competition. Their team name is out of this world.</i>
Core Values - Second place	11985	Columbia Astrobots 1	<i>Core Values are also elementary for this team. They were also “dying” to get to the competition. They overcame diversity and were “molded” into a great team.</i>

### Robot Awards

As **Robot Design** Judges, we look for teams whose design work stands out for innovation, mechanical design, programming, understanding the design process, and . . . overall quality.

Award	Team #	Team Name	Citation
Robot Design - First place	42962	ThunderBots	<i>This team’s first year has started with a bang. They have a certain spark to them. You may hear them when it rains.</i>
Robot Design - Second place	12629	Area 51	<i>This team comes from out of this world. You have probably heard of their team’s name - possibly the worst kept secret in American Military History.</i>

The **Robot Performance** award recognizes a team whose robot scores the most points during the Robot Game. Teams had the chance to compete in three 2.5-minute matches and their highest score counts.

Award	Team #	Team Name	Score
Robot Performance	12861	H.O.T. Squad	146



### Project Awards

The purpose of the Project is to show that individuals can make a difference by researching a problem, then contributing ideas and solutions to real-world issues. Conclusions and solutions are the result of working hard to understand the magnitude of a problem through research and hands-on learning experiences.

Award	Team #	Team Name	Citation
Project - First place	38755	Houston, We Have a Problem	<i>This team's solution was as big as its name - even when they're on the beach in the Bahamas. Apollo 13 had a problem and this team has a solution.</i>
Project - Second place	42468	LunaTechs	<i>This large team comes from Las Cruces. They got their references from both engineers and the net. And, these guys are ready to catch this award at 17,500 miles per hour.</i>

### Global Innovation Candidates

The Global Innovation Award, presented by XPRISE®, encourages teams to expand their innovative solutions to real-world problems. It builds upon the work teams have done for the FLL Project.

Award	Team #	Team Name	Project Idea
Las Cruces Qualifier Candidate	38755	Houston, We Have a Problem	<i>Surgery in space – They blended medical technology with engineering to create a real solution for space travel.</i>

### Judges' Award

During the course of competition, the Judges may encounter teams whose unique efforts, performance or dynamics merit recognition. Some teams have a story that sets them apart in a noteworthy way. Sometimes a team is so close to winning an award that the Judges choose to give special recognition to the team. Judges Awards allow Judges the freedom to recognize remarkable teams that stand out for reasons other than the Core Awards categories.

Award	Team #	Team Name	Citation
Rising Star	41512	Mini-Ens ("minions") (Mini-Engineers)	<i>This team lives south of the 39<sup>th</sup> latitude. One of the smallest teams (pause) with less than 5 members. This team is despicably smart.</i>