

# Email from Andy Cheng

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Majoring in CE and CS

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Yale University



12<sup>th</sup> Grade



6th grade

## ANDY CHENG

Andy's journey with SR started in his 6th grade until 12th grade. He took on roles as an instructor and competition team mentor since 11th grade. His sunny disposition, coupled with being a very bright, responsible, and reliable instructor who was always on time and well-prepared, has made positive impact to his students.

Dear Ms. Elizabeth and Dennis,

I have just finished my first semester at Yale and I cannot be more happy with my new home. Filled with the most supportive professors, classes that truly widen your perspective, and such a unique and driven community, I cannot imagine going to college anywhere else. It is because of Storming Robots that I have such an opportunity to further my education and pursue my passions at my dream school.

I remember the first time I walked into Storming Robots six years ago. Shelves filled with trophies, endless computers lined against the walls, boxes of sensors... as a 12-year-old it was all so new and exciting to me. The Robotics Projects Track opened my eyes to a whole new realm of creativity and development. From creating a basic iPod to a remote-controlled car, I loved every moment of class and became captivated by the world of robotics.

That fateful class led to a long and amazing journey at Storming Robots. From the highs —competing in Australia and Thailand, hosting an International Simulation competition, and winning Best Overall presentation internationally during COVID— to the lows —watching our robot split in half an hour before a round, barely missing the podium of a competition at 4th place, and that time someone hid the animal crackers, Storming gave me so many experiences that I continue to be grateful for today.

In the classroom, I developed my technical abilities and problem-solving methodology. During competition, I learned project management, how to become a leader, and how to think under stress. As an instructor, I improved my communication skills and bettered my own understanding as well. Each opportunity provided by Storming Robots gave me so many chances to learn and grow by leaps and bounds.

Thank you Ms. Elizabeth for introducing me to a whole new world. It is because of you that I found my passion with robotics and became who I am today. Thank you Mr. Dennis for all your captivating stories, lessons, and for putting up with my countless questions. I'm sorry for the mess my students made in the lab and the amount of sensors they lost at times. Thank you Jeremy for being the best mentor and for always reminding me about the "game". I will forever be grateful for everything Storming Robots has given me. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Sincerely, Andy Cheng.