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**THE ROBOLANCERS' HEAD COACH, DANIEL UEDA, RECEIVES
THE 2013 PHILLY GEEK OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Philadelphia, PA – Daniel Ueda, Head Coach of Central High School's FIRST robotics team, The RoboLancers, was presented with the 2013 Philly Geek of the Year Award by Geekadelphia and The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University on August 17, 2013. Geek of the Year is the most coveted award of the Philly Geek Awards, honoring an outstanding geeky individual in Philadelphia. This award focuses on passionate individuals who have made an impact without whom the City would not be the same.

Daniel Ueda was nominated for this award for being an incredible high school science teacher who has gone above and beyond to inspire his students to be just as geeky as he is. At Central High School, he brought his robotics team, The Robolancers, to a national competition for the very first time. In addition, he volunteers to do all robotics work in his free time.

Following are Daniel Ueda's remarks at his acceptance of the 2013 Geek of the Year Award: "This may come as a surprise but I am a physics teacher and a robotics coach for purely selfish reasons. Honestly, this work makes me feel so good about myself and how I spend my energy. . . . Inspiring elementary school kids to get involved with STEM careers through events. Giving kids the space to let their Geek flag fly. . . . Making this City a better place to live. It all feels so good. . . . [E]veryone at the Geek Awards cares a great deal about Philadelphia and its amazingly Geeky future. . . . [O]n behalf of all of the hard-working educators in this City, thank you, Geekadelphia, for this recognition."

In 2013, Daniel Ueda was the recipient of the Engineers Week Delaware Valley Outstanding Science Teacher Award and the Lindback Award. He also traveled to the White House State of STEM Address in February with two of his students. In April, his robotics team hosted businesses, universities, and other teams, along with 750 students at the Third Philadelphia Robotics Expo at Drexel University, an educational event intended to inspire students to enter STEM fields. His team, the RoboLancers, has won multiple awards for inspiring students across the region and earned a trip to the FIRST World Championship held in St. Louis, Missouri, in April.

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