

EMAIL FROM NEHA VARDHAMAN

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12th Grade



5th Grade

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Neha joined SR since her 5th grade, till 11th grade. She has held Algorithms in C/ C++ instructor position at SR during her 11-12th grades.

Dear Ms. Elizabeth and Dennis,

Time has gone by so quickly and I'm now in my 6th week of college at UIUC. College has been extremely busy between classes, extracurriculars, career fairs, and meeting new people, but every Saturday I can't help but think about and miss my time learning and teaching at Storming Robots.

Classes at Storming Robots, along with mentorship from Ms. Elizabeth and Dennis have had a huge impact on me; I would not be where I am or who I am today without it. I first started on the Robotics Projects Track in 5th grade. After years of bouncing around activities (tennis, piano, swimming), I finally found something I love. Taking classes at SR has connected me to one of my greatest passions and helped me figure out what I want to do beyond high school.

Years of Algorithms in C classes and competing in RoboCup Junior Rescue Maze competition have improved my problem-solving skills and given me experience that I'm able to apply in my new endeavors, and I feel that my time at SR has set me up for success.

My first time teaching was also at Storming Robots, and it has become a great passion in my life. I'm currently continuing to work with local middle school students interested in robotics and hope to inspire them the way Storming Robots has inspired me.

Thank you Dennis, for patiently helping me and my team through late nights of Maze preparation, and thank you Ms. Elizabeth for not only teaching me to become an algorithmic thinker, but also pushing me to grow and do my best inside and outside of Storming Robots.

I hope you both are doing well and I can't wait for the next time I visit!

Sincerely,
Neha Vardhaman