

Dear Father Squirrel,

Words are one's toolkit towards their dreams; yet, actions are always the mirror to the ultimate goal. In the adventure we set foot on as a team, you lead us successfully in any condition. You came to Istanbul from Tekirdag every week on a regular basis, despite the distance. Later, just to be closer to us and be able to help us more, you moved to Istanbul. There, you taught us that nothing can be achieved without perseverance and proactiveness. you showed us how valuable this team is for you by shuttling 230 km every week. This letter is a letter of gratitude for you, no matter you get this award or not.

You value science and technology in all senses, and you never hesitated to share your passion for STEM with us. Your leadership skills and firm attitude, also considering that you are only 20 years old, became an inspiration to us. You didn't only stay as a mentor for us, you became a friend and a brother. You never stopped holding our hand, and you backed us no matter what.

You provided us with the opportunities that would help us gain experience in our areas of interest. You gave us a chance to show our leadership skills and use our talents; you helped us design a future for ourselves, and you trusted us so much that you made us realize that we can achieve anything.

However, you didn't only help us achieve our goals, but you touched the hearts of many children with disadvantages through your knowledge. You helped more than 100 children get introduced to robotics, electronics and programming. You helped the teams of FRC Turkey community learn programming and electronics. You took part in preparation of education materials for Learn FRC Turkey with Fikret Yuksel Foundation. You volunteered in competitions happening in Turkey, including the first Istanbul Regional. You showed how a gracious professional you are by organizing mentor trainings for other teams. You took part on every social responsibility activity you possibly could, and you didn't hesitate to initiate them. You didn't only help people in need, but also helped animals in need. You took part in the team that designed the robotic arm for the "Kuyu" dog, and you strived to help that dog through your knowledge in the best way possible.

On the other hand, you did research and development projects in the areas of biotechnology, robotics and security. You initiated a start-up, "Artificaid." You made the device for early diagnosis of breast cancer. Your projects were presented in World Economic Forum with the presence of World Leaders. You became a role model again, on how to be an engineer with values.

Our invaluable mentor, Enis Getmez, we are so lucky that we learnt FIRST and FRC with you. Without you, maybe we could manage the technics, but we wouldn't know how to be true gracious professionals. Thank you, for believing in us, staying by our side, and being our light towards being good and successful people.

Your baby squirrels.