

## SchmartBoard Announces Eight Winners of Schmartie Awards

Award Winners to Receive Apple iPod Nanos'

**S**chmartBoard, the developer of a new technology that has significantly simplified the creation of electronic circuits for hobbyists, education, and industry, announced the winners of its first annual Schmartie Awards.

Schmartie Award participants, as a part of the SchmartDeveloper program, posted an electronic circuit design with a bill of materials that included the correct SchmartBoards (prototype boards) to SchmartBoard's SchmartDeveloper website. The winners receive Apple iPod nanos and all participants that posted a schematic received a SchmartBoard t-shirt and free SchmartBoards to build their circuit. The countries represented by participants who signed up for the contest included Australia, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Canada, France, India, Mexico, and the United States.

The circuits, and information about the winners and other applicants can be found at [www.schmartdeveloper.org](http://www.schmartdeveloper.org). The winners of the contest are:

- Robert Gatt – Port Fairy, Australia – Nokia 5110 LCD Interface
- Sunil Jha – Kanpur, India – Seven-Segment Display Module
- Indranil Majumdar – Kolkata, India – 3.6VDC Li Charger
- Jack Atkinson Jr. – Grant, AL USA – 8032 Microcontroller Module
- Jared Bayne – Mission, KS USA – Robot Controller
- Mike Otte – Pearl City, IL USA – Finger Talker
- Russell Pead – Worcester, MA USA – TTL Test Board Module
- Jerry Rutherford – Overland, KS USA – Mega 8 Module

Co-sponsors of the contest were R&D Electronics ([randelectronicparts.com](http://randelectronicparts.com)), Hobby Engineering ([www.hobbyengineering.com](http://www.hobbyengineering.com)), Parallax ([www.parallax.com](http://www.parallax.com)), Topline ([www.topline.tv](http://www.topline.tv)), Intellect Lab ([www.intellectlab.com](http://www.intellectlab.com)), *SERVO Magazine* ([www.servomagazine.com](http://www.servomagazine.com)), and *Nuts & Volts Magazine* ([www.nutsvolts.com](http://www.nutsvolts.com)). SchmartBoard plans to announce a bigger and better second annual Schmartie Awards in the second quarter of 2007. **NV**

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