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A GLOBAL ROBOTICS COMMUNITY PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE FUTURE

A Message to the *FIRST* Community

Our first priority, as always, is the safety and wellness of the *FIRST* community. Learn more about what we're planning for the 2020-21 season

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We Are the World's Leading Youth-Serving Nonprofit Advancing STEM Education

FIRST® inspires young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

[Read More About Our Vision](#)

IT'S TIME TO BE GAME CHANGERS

We're teaming up with Disney and Lucasfilm for our robotics season, *FIRST*® GAME CHANGERSSM powered by *Star Wars: Force for Change*.

We've developed resources and solutions to help bring STEM inspiration, holistic skill building, and fun to teams regardless of learning environment, including extending the season, remote engagement options, COVID-19 modification guidance for *FIRST* programs, and free *FIRST* @ Home activities.

[Registration for *FIRST* LEGO League and *FIRST* Tech Challenge is still open. Get in the Game!](#)

Inspiring Generations of Global Citizens

679K+ students participated in the 2019-2020 season

There are *FIRST* teams in **~110 countries**.

81% of *FIRST* Alumni Declare Majors in STEM

83% of *FIRST* Alumni have Confidence to Take **Leadership Roles in School**

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Hear from the *FIRST* Community

Parents

Students

Educators

Volunteers

Students

"*FIRST* definitely makes me feel empowered, not just as a student interested in building robots, but as a human being."

- *Tania Najnin, FIRST Student*

Parents

"Deanna is the first to graduate college — I'm proud of her. Now she mentors family members who have graduated high school that are going into college."

- *Deanna's Mother*

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Educators

"I'm a firm believer in *FIRST* — it boosts confidence, builds collaborative skills, and is hands-on. It takes the best of pedagogy, and best practices in education, and brings it all together."

- *Urvi Shah, Director of Educational Technology and Innovation*

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Volunteers

"It doesn't matter what you can or can't do. Come! We can certainly use you."

- Phil Salazarz, *FIRST Event Volunteer*

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At-Home Learning

FIRST remains committed to continuing our efforts to give students the skills and confidence they need to change the world - today and tomorrow. Learn about opportunities for online learning/skills development, *FIRST* supported activities, and a place to stay connected to the *FIRST* community during this global pandemic.

[FIRST at Home](#)

A Suite of Hands-On, STEM Learning Programs

Through a progression of team-based robotics challenges and backed by a global network of mentors, coaches, volunteers, alumni, and sponsors, *FIRST* helps young people discover a passion for STEM and develop the skills they'll need to succeed in today's competitive workforce.

GRADES

PreK-8

GRADESPreK-8

AGES4-16

FIRST® LEGO® League introduces STEM to children ages 4-16* through fun, exciting hands-on learning. Participants gain real-world problem-solving experiences through a guided, global robotics program, helping today's students and teachers build a better future together. *FIRST* LEGO League's three divisions inspire youth to experiment and grow their critical thinking, coding, and design skills through hands-on STEM learning and robotics.

*ages and grades vary by country

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GRADES

7-12

GRADES7-12
AGES12-18

FIRST® Tech Challenge students learn to think like engineers. Teams design, build, and program robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams. Robots are built from a reusable platform, powered by android technology, and can be coded using a variety of levels of Java-based programming.

FIRST Tech Challenge is...

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GRADES
9-12

GRADES9-12
AGES14-18

FIRST® Robotics Competition teams design, program, and build a robot starting with a standard kit of parts and common set of rules to play in a themed head-to-head challenge. Teams also build a brand, develop community partnerships for support, and work to promote STEM in their local community.

FIRST Robotics Competition is...

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***FIRST* inspires students to be forces for change in their communities**

***FIRST*® RISESM powered by
Star Wars: Force for Change Season Teams**

FIRST STEM Community

***Star Wars* actors Daisy Ridley, Kelly Marie Tran, and Oscar Isaac highlighted a few of the *FIRST*® teams tackling challenges raised by the COVID-19 pandemic in a video message to the ...**

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***FIRST* is a Place Where I Belong**

Eduardo Pineda

FIRST Robotics Competition Team 6647 "Voltec Robotics," Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico

FIRST Robotics Competition Student

"I had a feeling that *FIRST*® was the place where I belonged, and that feeling has never disappeared."

Before I participated in *FIRST*, I never saw myself with a career, many friends, or as a...

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***FIRST* Updates**

Stay up to date on the latest events and conversations in the *FIRST* community.

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Feb 17

[***FIRST*tv to Explore STEM and Advancing Equity in Sports - Newsletter**](#)

Feb 04

[***FIRST* and Amazon Future Engineer Expand Collaboration to Inspire Next Generation of Diverse Computer Scientists, Engineers, and Innovators**](#)

Jan 09

[***FIRST* Unveils New Remote Challenges for *FIRST* Robotics Competition Teams as Part of the *FIRST* GAME CHANGERS Powered by *Star Wars: Force for Change* Season**](#)

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