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Five Years of Being FIRST

Finger Lakes regional celebrates anniversary

"The FIRST program helped me to develop more of an appreciation for science, math, and engineering. The great experience with the FIRST program played a significant role in my professional engineering career. It was one of the most memorable experiences in my life."

—Bruce Elliott, John Marshall High School, RPI, RIT

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Finger Lakes Regional FIRST is celebrating its 5th anniversary. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a unique varsity sport of the mind designed to help our youth discover how engineering and technology can be interesting, rewarding and fun. Students from the Northeast and Canada, representing nearly 50 high schools, will participate at this year's Finger Lakes Regional Robotics Competition, March 6 and 7 at RIT.



"I learned how to be a team leader and also work with other people to accomplish a common goal. FIRST helped me to find a love of physics and the mechanical application of technology ... If it wasn't for FIRST I would have ended up in the wrong major, and I also wouldn't have found a most enjoyable hobby."

—Michael Burke, Naples High School, Alfred State College



"I've learned various things in the subjects of electrical, mechanical, strategy, and leadership. I know where I am headed for college. There are so many things I owe my team. Growing without being aware of it is what FIRST does best."

—Rika Lee, Penfield High School

Organizing an event that attracts 3,000 people requires generous support of both sponsors and volunteers.

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