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## FIRST News

### Fall Back into FIRST®



#### New FIRST® Season Kicks Off

Fall has officially begun at FIRST® headquarters, which means just one thing: A new FIRST season is underway and all programs are in on the action.

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#### Lights, Camera, Robots!

Nearly 100 real-life FIRST participants were part of a recent episode of "The Fosters" centered on a regional FIRST® Robotics Competition event.

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#### Professional Tools in Students' Hands

From motors and software to lighting solutions and safety expertise, donations and in-kind contributions from Crown Suppliers keep the FIRST Robotics Competition running.

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#### Superhero Inventors

FIRST Founder Dean Kamen discusses comics and sci-fi in this great read:

[Comics, Science, and Innovation: A conversation with Dean Kamen and Matt Grob](#)

#### In Sponsor News

Qualcomm Incorporated and FIRST partner to foster future innovators.

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FIRST Sponsors throw a Block Party to showcase FIRST and encourage volunteerism for the upcoming season.

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## FIRST News TidBITS

### Ready to Start a *FIRST*® Tech Challenge Team?

Apply for a team grant, and get your students engaged and excited about STEM! [READ MORE >>](#)



### Prepare to Take Flight!

The *FIRST* STEAMWORKS<sup>SM</sup> adventure begins January 7, 2017. Watch the teaser, and get your wallpaper, ringtones, and more. [READ MORE>>](#)

### Scholarships & Internships

*FIRST* participants have access to over \$30 million in scholarships, and exclusive internship opportunities are available for *FIRST* Alums. [READ MORE >>](#)



### FIRST Alliances Corner

Announcing a new Alliance with National Fluid Power Association; upcoming STEM events; and other Alliance updates. [READ MORE >>](#)

### FIRST Got Talent!

Submissions are being accepted for the 2nd Annual #FIRSTParody Song Competition. [READ MORE>>](#)

### Got Inspiration?

[Subscribe to our Inspire Blog](#). Recent topics include Creativity = Learning; To groom STEM students, hone their soft skills; STEM into STEAM: why the arts are crucial.

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### On Teams

- [FIRST Robotics Competition Team 341 "Miss Daisy" Goes to China](#)

### On Alumni

- [Rachel Holladay receives 2016 NCWIT Collegiate Aspirations in Computing Award](#)

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### Registration is Open!

- [FIRST Robotics Competition](#)  
2017 *FIRST* STEAMWORKS<sup>SM</sup> season
- [FIRST Tech Challenge](#)  
2016-2017 VELOCITY VORTEX<sup>SM</sup> presented by Qualcomm Incorporated
- [FIRST LEGO League Jr.](#)  
2016-2017 CREATURE CRAZE<sup>SM</sup> season



### National Association of Secondary School Principals

*FIRST* Robotics Competition & *FIRST* Tech Challenge [approved for NASSP 2016-2017](#)

### FIRST in the news

[View sampling of recent coverage](#) including Fast Company, IndustryWeek, US2020, and more

### Latest *FIRST* & Program News

- [Inspire Blog](#)
- [FIRST Robotics Competition Blog](#)
- [FIRST Tech Challenge Blog](#)
- [FIRST LEGO League Blog](#)
- [Alumni and Scholarships Blog](#)



### Save the Date!

#### [FIRST Championship](#)

April 19-22, 2017 - Houston, Texas  
April 26-29, 2017 - St. Louis, Missouri




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