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Welcome to the [insert event name] Awards and Closing Ceremony! As many of you know, *FIRST* is a non-profit and a global movement transforming lives and inspiring future innovators, and problem solvers. *FIRST* engages young people, from pre-k through 12th grade in our STEM programs including *FIRST* LEGO League, *FIRST* Robotics Competition, and of course, *FIRST* Tech Challenge. Our STEM programs are a fantastic opportunity to have the hardest fun you'll ever have!

Speaking of the hardest fun you'll ever have, what an outstanding day we've had! Before we hand out our awards, let's thank the awesome people who made this event happen. Today could not have been possible without our volunteers! Please give a big round of applause for all the volunteers who have given their time, effort, dedication, and so much more to make this program a success. Also, a big round of applause for our generous sponsors, especially our Season Presenting Sponsor, Raytheon Technologies, and our Program Sponsor Qualcomm! Thank you! Before we hand out the awards, I would like to introduce our special guest.

[Introduce Speaker]

Judges' Choice Award

The Judges' Choice Award is given at the discretion of the judges to a team they have encountered whose unique efforts, performance or dynamics merit recognition, yet the team does not fit into any of the existing award categories.

Here is what the judges have to say about the winner of this award:
[Insert judges comments and the winning team's information]

Compass Award

The Compass Award recognizes an adult coach or mentor who has given outstanding guidance and support for a *FIRST* Tech Challenge team throughout the year. The winner of the Compass Award is determined from candidates nominated by student team members, via a 40-60 second video, highlighting how their mentor has helped them become an outstanding team and has truly demonstrated what it means to be a Gracious Professional.

Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award:
[Insert judges comments and the compass award winner's information]

Promote Award

The Promote Award is given to the team that is most successful in creating a compelling message for the public and working to change our culture and celebrate science, technology, engineering and math. The video submission was evaluated by the judges to determine the winner of this award. Teams must present a thoughtful and high-quality video which best exhibits this year's topic of: **"If there was one thing I would tell my younger self about *FIRST*, it would be…"**

Third Place   **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**
Second Place   **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**

Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this Award: [Insert judge comments]

Winner Insert team number, team name, city, and state

Design Award

The Design Award expands on this year's challenge, inspiring teams to incorporate industrial design into their robots. These elements can be shown in the simplicity of the design as it applies to the tasks, the look and feel of the robot in how the design allows us to think of robots in new ways. The design aspect must serve a function - but should also differentiate the robot in a unique fashion.

Third Place   **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**
Second Place **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**

Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this Award: [Insert judge comments]

Winner Insert team number, team name, city, and state

Motivate Award

The team that receives the Motivate Award celebrates the culture of *FIRST* and clearly shows what it means to be a team. This award celebrates the team that represents the essence of the *FIRST* Tech Challenge competition through team building, team spirit, and displayed enthusiasm. This is a team who makes a collective effort to make *FIRST* known throughout their school and community and sparks others to embrace the culture of *FIRST*.

Third Place   **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**
Second Place **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**

Here is what the judges have to say about the winner of this award: [Insert judge comments]

Winner Insert team number, team name, city, and state

Control Award sponsored by Arm

The Control Award sponsored by Arm celebrates the team that demonstrates innovative thinking in the control system to solve game challenges such as autonomous operation, enhancing mechanical systems with intelligent control, or using sensors to achieve better results on the field.

Third Place   **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**
Second Place **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**

Here is what the judges have to say about the winner of this award: [Insert judge comments]

Winner Insert team number, team name, city, and state

Innovate Award sponsored by Raytheon Technologies

The Innovate Award sponsored by Raytheon Technologies celebrates a team that has the ingenuity and inventiveness to make their designs come to life. This award is given to the team that the judges feel has the most innovative and creative robot design solution to the *FIRST* Tech Challenge game. Elements of this award include elegant design, robustness and 'out of the box' thinking.

This award may address the design of the whole robot or some sub-assembly component of the robot. The creative component needs to work consistently, but a robot does not have to work all of the time during matches to be considered for this award. The team's engineering portfolio showed the design of the component(s) and the team's robot, and clearly explains how the team arrived at their solution.

Third Place   **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**
Second Place **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**

Here is what the judges have to say about the winner of this award: [Insert judge comments]

Winner Insert team number, team name, city, and state

Connect Award

The Connect Award is presented to the team that the judges feel most connected with their local Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) community. A true *FIRST* team is more than the sum of its parts and recognizes that engaging their local STEM community plays an essential part in their success. The recipient of this award is recognized for helping the community understand *FIRST*, the *FIRST* Tech Challenge, and the team itself. In addition, this team aggressively seeks and recruits engineers and explores the opportunities available in the world of engineering, science, and technology.

Third Place   **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**
Second Place **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**

Here is what the judges have to say about the winner of this award: [Insert judge comments]

Winner Insert team number, team name, city, and state

Think Award

The Think Award is given to the team that the judges feel best reflects the journey of the engineering design process. The engineering portfolio is the key reference for judges to help them identify the most deserving team. This team's engineering portfolio focused on the design and build stage of the team's Robot and exemplified their journey as a team and engineers.

Third Place   **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**
Second Place **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**

Here is what the judges have to say about the winner of this award: [Insert judge comments]

Winner Insert team number, team name, city, and state

Top Ranked Teams (Advance from lowest ranked team you'd like to honor and proceed to top ranked team)

Top Ranked 6th place   **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**

Top Ranked 5th place   **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**

Top Ranked 4th place   **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**
Top Ranked 3rd place   **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**

Top Ranked 2nd place   **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**

Top Ranked 1st place   **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**

Dean's List Semi-Finalists

FIRST Dean's List Semi-Finalists are outstanding student leaders whose passion for and effectiveness at embodying *FIRST* ideals is exemplary. These students were nominated by their teams for their direct contributions and impact on others - exemplifying leadership and commitment, on their *FIRST* Tech Challenge team, in their school, and in their community. *FIRST* Dean's List Semi-Finalists, recognized here today, will be considered within their state/region for the two spots as Dean's List Finalists.

Inspire Award

The Inspire Award is presented to the team that the judges felt truly embodied the 'challenge' of the *FIRST* Tech Challenge program. The team that receives this award is a strong ambassador for *FIRST* programs and works to promote *FIRST* and make it loud in their community. The team that receives this award has performed well in all Judging categories and was chosen by the Judges as a model *FIRST* Tech Challenge team both on and off the playing field. This team shares their experiences, enthusiasm and knowledge with other teams, sponsors, their community, and the Judges. Working as a unit, this team will have shown success in performing the task of designing and building a robot.

Third Place **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**
Second Place **Insert team number, team name, city, and state**

Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this Award: [Insert judge comments]

Winner Insert team number, team name, city, and state

Thank you all for being a great audience today for helping support the next generation of leaders and innovators and for bringing your Gracious Professionalism to the competition. Remember, your participation with the *FIRST* Tech Challenge program doesn'thave to end here! Check out our website for opportunities to volunteer at one of the *FIRST* LEGO League, *FIRST* Robotics Competition, and of course, *FIRST* Tech Challenge programs. And make sure to learn more about scholarships, internships and alumni opportunities at firstinspires.org/alumni. Finally, a big thank you everyone, we had an excellent event and look forward to seeing you next year!