EMPOWERING MINDS



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Founder & Chairman's Letter

FIRST came into existence more than eighteen years ago, and our most mature initiative, the FIRST Robotics Competition, is approaching its seventeenth season. As we have progressed through our teenage years, we have experienced the wonders of growth and development and, at times, some of the associated challenges. Today, much like a student preparing for the last year of secondary school, FIRST is poised to take another substantial step forward.

As we examine the *FIRST* Community, the United States, and the world, we recognize the attributes of an environment nearing the "tipping point." There is a growing social wave of concern and commitment for our future, and many of those who share that concern also embrace the values of *FIRST*. "Rising Above the Gathering Storm," the report of The National Academies, articulated the need to increase the talent pool and sustain an environment of innovation. The broad-based response from government, business, and educational leaders indicates that concern for our future has reached a critical mass.

We see *FIRST* approaching the time in our development when the potential for growth is at its highest. This year, governors and members of Congress met *FIRST* teams in offices, workshops, and competitions. President George W. Bush brought the *FIRST* season to a remarkable conclusion by recognizing the achievements and contributions of *FIRST's* award-winning teams at The White House.

All of us in the *FIRST* Community are helping to build the momentum that can meet the challenges of the "gathering storm." We have the opportunity and responsibility as innovators and early adopters to attract new participants to the *FIRST* Community, share our knowledge, experience, and wisdom, and actively encourage students to engage fully.

Every year, we hear thousands of inspiring stories from individuals, teams, and communities – stories of success made possible by the dedicated members of the *FIRST* Community. Thank you to all of the mentors, volunteers, sponsors, parents, and team members for your continued effort and contributions as we enter our next phase of growth.

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U.S. President George W. Bush Receiving ring from Moe-zilla

President's Letter

I recently participated in a meeting of technology industry executives with Governor Deval Patrick of Massachusetts. He stated that there are 90,000 open jobs in his state and 120,000 people are looking for work. Unfortunately, the twain shall not meet because, in our 21st century economy, many open positions require technology skills and knowledge that job seekers do not possess. Company executives lament that their businesses could grow faster, if only they could find qualified people.

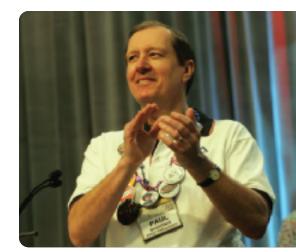
The concern for this growing gap in the workforce echoes throughout my meetings with executives worldwide. Technology companies have thousands of unfilled jobs. Industries from aerospace to utilities to manufacturing anticipate a drastic workforce gap as 50% of their employees become eligible to retire in the next five to ten years.

Who will fill these jobs in our economy, where products and services increasingly require a technically literate workforce? Who will be the innovators that improve the quality of life and standard of living of the coming decades? Who will lead the engineering, manufacturing, programming, and research teams?

That's precisely where *FIRST* and the *FIRST* Community play a major role. By inspiring students to pursue education and careers in science, engineering, and technology, we are working together with industry, government, educators, parents, and many others to develop the skills that are invaluable today and for the future. The companies and organizations that sponsor *FIRST* are investing in their future success by supporting teams and events, by supporting the participation of expert, passionate mentors, and by hiring team members, alumni, and *FIRST* Community members into internships and full-time jobs.

I'd like to congratulate team members on another exceptional year and reiterate our gratitude to our generous sponsors, contributors, and the 65,000 volunteers who really "make *FIRST* happen." Your contributions of time, talent, parts, equipment, services, and financial support enable us to empower minds among a growing number of young people in *FIRST* programs. I invite you to read about the energy and success of some of these students, volunteers, and organizations on the following pages.





FIRST President
Paul R. Gudonis

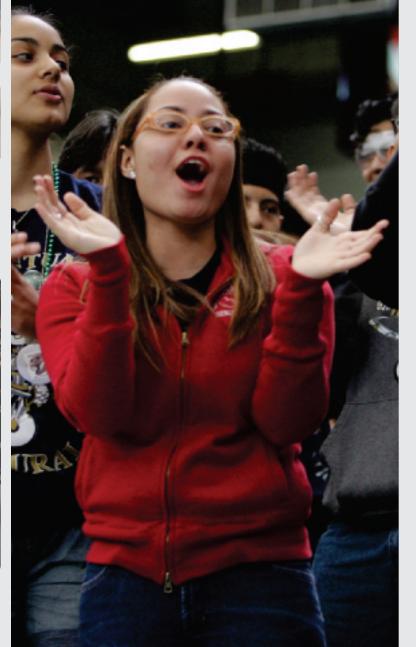
FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION

"...THIS HAS TOTALLY GIVEN ME THE KEY TO THE DOOR I NEED TO OPEN FOR THE FUTURE."

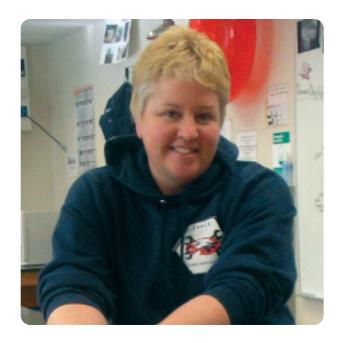
FRC TEAM MEMBER, BROOKLYN, NY







The 2007 FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) game, "Rack 'N' Roll," tested the students' ability to design and build robots to hang inflated rings on pegs configured in rows and columns on a 10-foot high center rack structure. Robots also "lifted" other robots 4 inches or higher off the floor for extra points.



FRC PROFILE: NANCY MCINTYRE

Mentor. Regional Committee Chair. Senior Mentor. Consummate *FIRST* spokesperson. Nancy McIntyre's passion and commitment to nurturing students' excitement about science and technology defies description with a single title.

Even the most energetic of people would find Nancy's To Do list daunting, from mentoring Los Angeles Regional Engineering Inspiration award-winning FRC Team 1138, "Eagle Engineering," and growing her school's robotics program to include summer enrichment classes, to chairing the Los Angeles Regional Committee and seeding potential growth for the FRC program with two *FIRST* LEGO League and three *FIRST* Tech Challenge teams. All on top of teaching 9th grade biology!



Nancy also shares her passion with her fellow educators, training teachers in Hawaii who have stepped up to start rookie FRC teams for the 2008 season and conducting a half-day workshop for nearly 100 National Science Teacher's Association members on how to bring *FIRST* robotics into the classroom.

Nancy is an extraordinary, action-oriented volunteer who lives her daily life as a truly Gracious Professional.







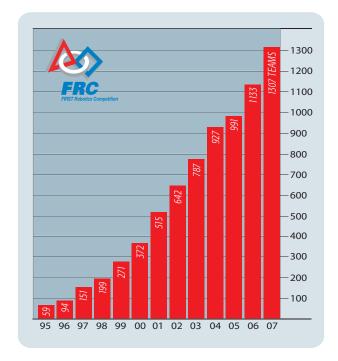






MORE THAN A GAME:

In 2007, a record 32,675 high-school students and their mentors worked together to successfully tackle a tough engineering challenge in the *FIRST* Robotics Competition. We welcomed 1,307 teams from Brazil, Canada, Israel, Mexico, the Netherlands, the U.K., and – for the first time ever – every state in the U.S. The program grew 15% from the previous year and included 258 rookie teams. New Regional competitions took place in Kansas City, New Orleans, San Diego, and Brazil, for a total of 37 events this season.

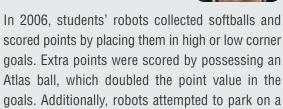


FIRST TECH CHALLENGE





rotating platform or hang from a bar.





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NOTHING COMPARED TO A HANDS-ON,
PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF WHAT YOU'RE
DOING. IT'S WORTH SO MUCH MORE."

FTC TEAM MEMBER, MENDHAM, NJ





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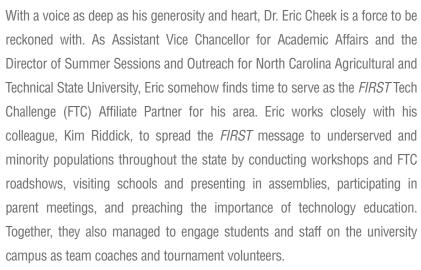


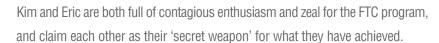












The result? An entire university working together to achieve a common goal: showing North Carolina students their limitless possibilities.

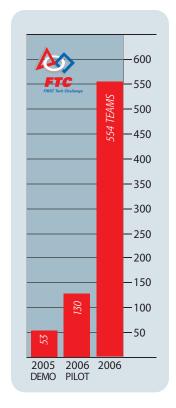






MORE THAN A GAME:

After two successful pilot seasons, the renamed FIRST Tech Challenge intermediate robotics competition joins our continuum of official FIRST programs. This year, FTC engaged over 5,500 high-school-aged students on 554 teams, competing in 25 events in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. FTC is an affordable, accessible opportunity to participate in a FIRST robotics experience, bringing FIRST to new geographic areas and serving as a bridge for students between the FIRST LEGO League and the FIRST Robotics Competition.



FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

"I HAVE WATCHED THE KIDS ON MY TEAM GROW IN MANY WAYS. THE QUIET, SCARED KID NOW IS THE LEADER. THE KID WHO DIDN'T THINK HE WAS SMART NOW KNOWS THERE IS MORE TO HIM THAN MEETS THE EYE. AND ABOVE ALL, THE FRIENDSHIPS THAT GREW WERE VERY NICE. MY KIDS NOW SEE MORE OPTIONS FOR THEMSELVES IN THE FUTURE."

SANDY RODEHEAVER, FLL TEAM NEXT GEN #2066 COACH































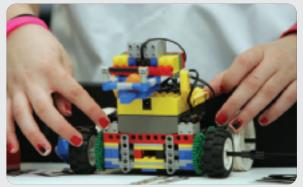






In 2006, FIRST LEGO League (FLL) teams explored nanotechnology and the amazing solutions this newest frontier of science and technology can make possible.







Kathy Levine strives to bring the highest quality FLL experience to the children of the Buckeye state. Whether it's giving seminars to apprehensive new coaches, speaking to school administrators to encourage their support, or finding grants, she constantly searches for more ways to get children involved. She also recruits and trains top-notch volunteers who share her vision and keep coming back year after year. And her commitment doesn't stop there. She works tirelessly to create and sustain a fun, exciting, and rewarding FLL experience where kids learn about engineering and science, gain valuable life skills as members of a team, and inspire others to be Gracious Professionals.

Kathy's determination for accomplishing things that are important to her has had an immeasurable impact on the children of Ohio and beyond. She helped develop materials that have been adopted as standards for the entire FLL program and is a World Festival Head Teamwork Judge.

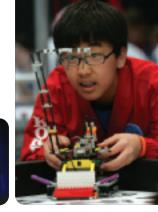
In a state where football is king, Kathy brings excitement and opportunity to kids who previously only thought about throwing a winning touchdown pass. It is because of Kathy's leadership and vision that more children in Ohio, and around the world, now dream of improving people's lives through the fields of nanotechnology or alternative energy, instead of winning on the football field.

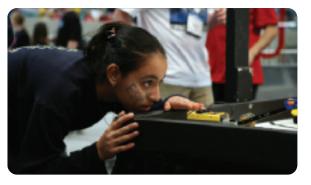
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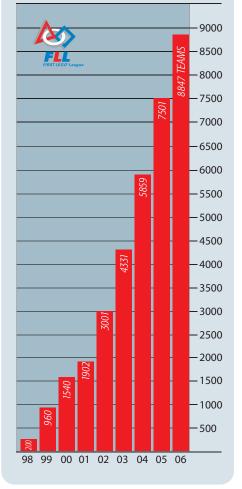






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This year, the FIRST LEGO League grew 18% to a total of 8,847 teams participating in 37 countries worldwide. Over 88,000 kids, ages 9 to 14 (up to 16 outside the U.S. and Canada) experienced the satisfaction of solving real-world problems through science and technology and making a difference in their communities. The season included over 360 qualifying events, 88 Championship tournaments, and a European Open Championship. It culminated with 94 teams celebrating their accomplishments at the FLL World Festival at the FIRST Championship. The Nano Quest World Festival Champion's Award-winning team received an all-expense-paid trip to the IBM Almaden Research Center in San Jose, CA, where they manipulated atoms and met with world-class scientists. FLL thanks IBM for this amazing opportunity.



JUNIOR FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

"THIS YEAR — OUR THIRD — WAS OUR BEST EXPERIENCE SO FAR. EVEN THOUGH THE CHALLENGE AND CONCEPT WERE DIFFICULT, THE STUDENTS REALLY ENJOYED THE CHANCE TO EXPAND THEIR KNOWLEDGE. THE PROCESS MAY HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT, BUT IN A GOOD WAY — A WAY THAT CHALLENGED THEIR THINKING AND MADE THEM LOOK BEYOND THE WORLD AS THEY KNOW IT. AN OVERALL FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE!"

JR.FLL TEAM COACH, NEW LONDON, PA





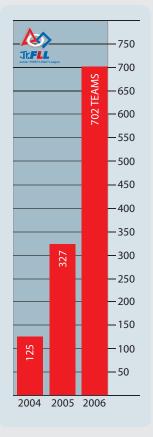




MORE THAN A GAME:

In its third pilot season, Junior *FIRST* LEGO League (Jr.FLL) introduced over 3,500 kids, ages 6 to 9, to the excitement of science and technology. Like their older counterparts in the FLL program, these emerging scientists tackled the daunting topic of nanotechnology, building models of an object at three different levels of scale.

As a result of Jr.FLL's incredible growth since the 2004 launch and its vast potential to inspire the youngest of school-age kids, the *FIRST* Board of Directors and Steering Committee approved Jr.FLL as a fully fledged *FIRST* program.















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For twelve years, Dan has helped to shape and mold young minds to achieve their full potential. His fierce commitment knows no business hours. At any given time, he can be found helping students solve an engineering problem, coaching a Jr.FLL team, assisting in the founding of new teams, planning the FRC Midwest Regional or Illinois FLL Championship Tournament, or serving as play-by-play announcer at a *FIRST* event.

Dan has established a successful student, intern, employee, mentor cycle between WildStang and his employer, Motorola. Each year, Dan helps several graduating students secure internships at Motorola. These internships help establish credibility and potential future employment. A number of former team members are Motorola employees and are adult mentors on the team.

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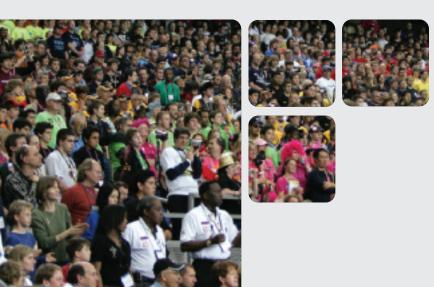
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Throughout many years of rapid growth, *FIRST* has steadily strengthened its financial position thanks to the time, energy, and funds donated by individuals, businesses, and foundations. All of us here at *FIRST* endeavor to apply as much of this support as possible to directly benefit student participants and invest in program growth. In fiscal year 2007, management and general costs comprised only 10% of total expenses and fundraising costs were limited to 3%. *FIRST's* broad base of support – ranging from volunteer mentors at local schools to global sponsors of teams and events – has made these financial results possible. The ongoing involvement of *FIRST's* community of contributors will ensure that *FIRST* will continue to meet the growing need for its programs worldwide, while remaining financially sound.

For our fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, there were no audit findings or questioned costs and *FIRST* received an unqualified opinion from its auditors, Ernst & Young, LLP. Additionally, the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Circular A-133 audit of *FIRST's* Federal grant awards had no findings or questioned costs. *FIRST* continues to be qualified as a "low-risk" auditee.

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES	June 30, 2007	June 30, 2006
Revenues and other support:		
Program registration fees	\$12,763,146	\$11,066,236
Contributions and grants	9,827,940	7,586,794
Rental income	573,424	565,650
Other income	599,609	484,998
Net assets released from restrictions	781,277	999,843
Special sponsorship	04 545 000	100,000
Total revenues and other support	24,545,396	20,803,521
Operating expenses:		
FIRST Robotics Competition	17,015,186	14,023,526
FIRST LEGO League	1,894,727	1,271,223
FIRST Tech Challenge	854,916	634,510
FIRST Place	92.278	77,085
Management, general, and fundraising	3,078,237	2,676,235
Operation of building	345,619	337,218
Depreciation	399.464	361.644
Total operating expenses	23,680,427	19,381,441
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Operating income	864,969	1,422,080
Non-operating gains:		
Refundable advances - amortization	319,969	140,200
Net assets released from restriction for purchase of property, plant, and en	quipment 17,460	12,839
Increase in unrestricted net assets	1,202,398	1,575,119
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION	June 30, 2007	June 30, 2006
Assets:		000 00, 2000
Cash and cash equivalents	\$8,103,533	\$6,716,455
Receivables and other assets	1,468,241	1,473,358
Net property, plant, and equipment	3,969,378	4,135,479
Total assets, end of year	\$13,541,152	\$12,325,292
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Liabilities and net assets		
Total liabilities	3,330,547	3,604,510
Net assets:	3,000,011	0,00.,0.0
Unrestricted	8,679,738	7,477,340
Temporarily restricted	1,530,867	1,243,442
Total net assets, end of year	10,210,605	8,720,782
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Total liabilities and net assets, end of year	\$13,541,152	\$12,325,292

The financial information presented here has been abbreviated and does not include the substantial value of donated services and materials. FIRST's complete, audited financial statements are available on the website at www.usfirst.org under "Who We Are/Annual Report/Financials."



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