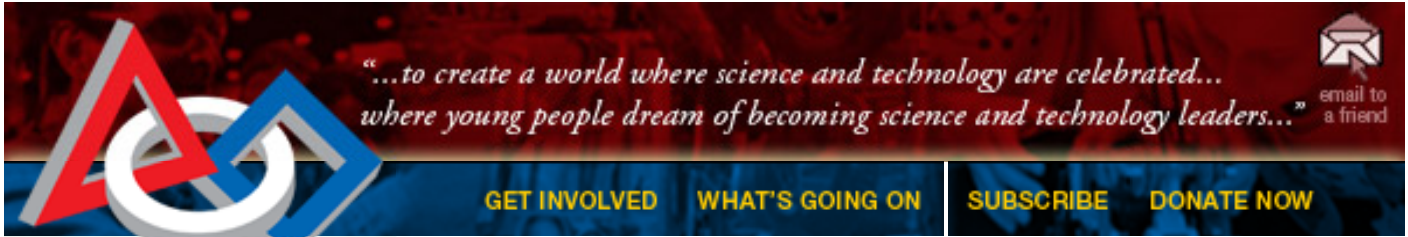


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FIRST Notes

Registration is Open

- * [FIRST Robotics Competition \(FRC\) 2011 season](#)
- * [FIRST Tech Challenge \(FTC\) 2010 Get Over It! season](#)
- * [Junior FIRST LEGO League \(Jr.FLL\) Body Forward™ season](#)

[FRC Off-Season Competitions Hosted by Teams](#)

[FRC and FTC Approved for NASSP National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2010-2011](#)



Latest Program News & Stories

- * [Bill's Blog for FRC](#)
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Real-World Challenges; Real-World Skills

FIRST® proudly launches its 2010-11 season, offering young people of all ages real-world challenges, real-world life and employment skills, and the hardest fun they've ever had.

Check out highlights for the entire family of FIRST programs:



[Junior FIRST® LEGO® League](#) and [FIRST® LEGO® League](#) kicked off their new seasons with the "Body Forward" Challenge, introducing children to the exciting field of biomedical engineering.

[FIRST® Tech Challenge](#) teams prepare to "Get Over It!™" in a new game that involves all of the same hurdles facing world-class innovators.



[FIRST® Robotics Competition](#) registration opened on September 30, with preparations well underway for the January 8, 2011 Kickoff.

Keep Your Votes Coming for FIRST!



FIRST can win \$200,000 from American Express through Members Project. Vote once a week until late November. [read more>>](#)



FIRST can win up to \$250,000 and students can win scholarships and matching grants to a charity of their choice through JCPenney's Facebook campaign, "Care. Share. Win!" Vote once a day until October 17. [read more>>](#)

In Sponsor News



* [Google to provide FIRST with a \\$3 million grant](#) to develop and jump start new student-driven robotics team fundraising programs

\$13.8 Million Available
in *FIRST* Scholarships



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[FIRST Championship Moves to St. Louis](#)

Save the dates!
*April 27-30, 2011
*April 25-28, 2012
*April 24-27, 2013

start new student-driven robotics team fundraising programs.

* *FIRST* Strategic Partner and FTC Official Program Sponsor Rockwell Collins holds annual philanthropic breakfast and national outreach program; [FTC Director Ken Johnson delivers keynote](#)

***FIRST* Mentor wins MacArthur Foundation Fellowship**

FRC Mentor Amir Abo-Shaeer is one of 23 recipients of a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship and the first-ever teacher to win the award.

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Alliances Corner

FIRST partners with automation professionals to form strategic Alliance; launch pilot program to promote. [read more>>](#)



Letter from *FIRST* President

FIRST President, Jon Dudas, sees innovation as the critical answer to the biggest issues facing all nations... and *FIRST* as the preeminent program to promote innovation to kids and young adults. [read more>>](#)

2010 Dean's List Winners Attend Summit at *FIRST* HQ

In recognition of winning the first-ever Dean's List Award, nine of the 10 winners of this prestigious award were treated to a trip to *FIRST* and DEKA. [read more>>](#)



***FIRST* Involvement Pays Off in MoonBots Competition**



Top three winners of the MoonBots global educational contest bring *FIRST* LEGO League and *FIRST* Tech Challenge experience to the challenge. [read more>>](#)

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Over 1,500 interactive exhibits and stage shows. October 23 & 24, 2010 on the National Mall and surrounding areas – free of charge. [read more>>](#)

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