

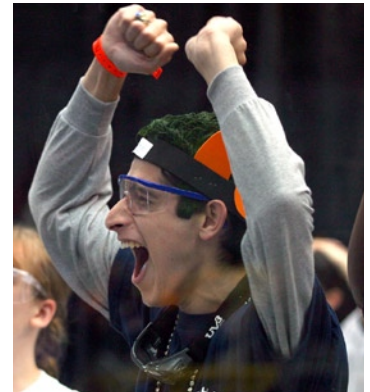
GET INVOLVED: UNIVERSITIES

“The FIRST program has gained a reputation of contributing to the development of important qualities that college and universities seek through their admissions process.”

University of New Hampshire survey 2003

In a recent survey, universities reported the following benefits as a result of their involvement with FIRST:

- » Increased student recruitment
- » Translation of classroom learning into real-world application
- » Experiential learning opportunities for students
- » Cross-disciplinary interaction between students
- » Outreach to under-represented students
- » Positive community relations



Universities are a valuable source of coaches and mentors

University students, faculty and administration can participate by volunteering their technical expertise as coaches, advisors and mentors and making facility space and equipment available to teams.

Join the FIRST Scholarship Program

Designating funds to a FIRST scholarship is an ideal way for a college or university to reward and recruit smart, motivated, hard-working young adults who have learned the value of team work and the importance of careful study, problem solving and project completion.

Host an Event

Dozens of colleges and universities host FIRST Robotics Competition Regional events, exposing their campuses to hundreds of young people interested in pursuing higher education.

“The benefits to WPI from participating in FIRST are considerable. We work with high school students to expand their horizons. We have a presence in this international competition that showcases our institution and allows students to consider us. We benefit by attracting extraordinarily talented young people to our campus. We benefit by the interaction of these students with our faculty and staff as they develop their robot each year. For many of those who have participated in FIRST, they seem to have a more successful start as students at WPI.”

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