



**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
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**NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TO HOST *FIRST*® TECH CHALLENGE**

**The competition heats up as 31 Rhode Island middle and high school robotics teams showcase their STEM skills at this high-energy competition.**

**WHAT:** For the 13th season, New England Institute of Technology will serve as Rhode Island's *FIRST*® Tech Challenge Affiliate Partner. Founded in 1989 by accomplished inventor, Dean Kamen, *FIRST*® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), was designed to inspire an appreciation of science and technology in students using robotics.

**WHEN:** **Saturday, February 9, 2019, 9:30 am- 4:00 pm**

**WHERE:** New England Institute of Technology  
Center for Automotive Technology  
101 Access Road  
Warwick, RI 02886

**WHO:** Congressman Jim Langevin  
Volunteers from the Rhode Island business community  
Students from schools located in Barrington, Bristol, East Greenwich, Lincoln, Little Compton, Narragansett, Newport, North Kingstown, Pawtucket, Providence, Scituate, Wakefield, Warwick, Westerly and Wood River Junction

**WHY:** *FIRST*® creates accessible, innovative programs to build self-confidence, knowledge and life skills while motivating students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines. Students learn how to design, build and program an original robot for competition against other teams using a sports model. For more information, visit [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org).

Volunteers from various industries throughout Rhode Island become partners in education by mentoring students to develop problem solving, critical thinking and innovative reasoning skills that are necessary to be successful in STEM careers.

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