



7,000+

students, grades 7-12 on
FIRST Chesapeake teams

“FIRST Robotics captures students’ interest in ways that traditional classwork cannot.”

— Norman Marshal Jr., Teacher, Franklin Military Academy



1,500+

volunteers who donate
their time to events

“As a volunteer and board member, I have seen how FIRST Chesapeake supports students working closely with industry professionals to get first-hand experience in solving challenging technology problems.”

— Dr. Gulu S. Gambhir, Vice President and CTO, Northrop Grumman Corporation
and *FIRST* Chesapeake Board Member

310

teams participating,
grades 7-12

1,900+

mentors/coaches
involved in events

60,000+

event attendees

20+

competitive events
and workshops



1,600+

registered alumni in
Virginia, District of Columbia,
and Maryland

“I volunteer because I want my daughter to have the same fantastic opportunities to learn and grow that I did. Every single challenge I’ve overcome in my professional life and every skill set I use, I first encountered with my high school *FIRST* Robotics Competition Team #617. I would not have the career I do without those learning experiences and teammates and mentors I worked with, and I’m forever grateful for that opportunity.”

— David Keegan, Volunteer and *FIRST* Robotics Competition Team 617 Alumni

100,000+

competition live feed views
from around the world

48%

Young Women

52%

Young Men

young women/young men involved
with *FIRST* Chesapeake



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***FIRST* is like your favorite thing that your mom makes, but she slips vegetables in it...You love it, but it’s good for you, too!**

— Catherine Kosiba, *FIRST* Robotics Competition Team 4541

