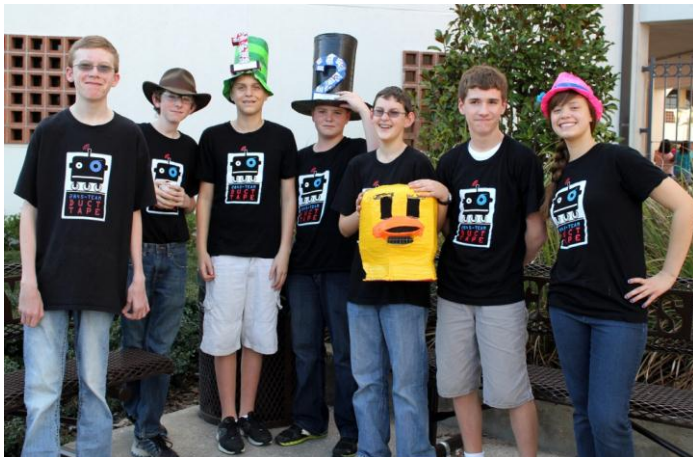




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## Help Community *FIRST* Robotics Team Journey to State Championship at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach

**The Team Duct Tape Philosophy:** *Character before Competition - Our goal is to elevate character, teamwork, and academic and intellectual achievement above all else. We do not seek to win at all costs, but rather to give team members an enduring hands-on STEM experience that will serve them well into their futures.*



Now in its fifth season, *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) Team Duct Tape is once again headed for the Florida State Championship in Daytona Beach, on March 2nd, preserving the team's legacy of competing in the State Championship every year since its founding in 2008.

Team Duct Tape, which has advanced to the *FIRST* World Championship twice in the last

four years, started the year with an all new crew of students, who competed with some of the best teams in Florida and the nation throughout the season. At the ROBOT League of Tampa Bay Championship, held at Jesuit High School on Feb. 2, TDT took home a Finalist Alliance trophy, the PTC Design Award, and 13<sup>th</sup> place statewide, earning them a spot at the State Championship.

The team, comprised of high school students from Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco counties, pulled itself up steadily from nearly last place at the start of the season to Championship level, working with mentors in programming, design and mechanical engineering, applying lessons learned and working overtime after school, weekends and during school holidays. Team members also spent dozens of hours providing community outreach at science and technology events and meetings.



Now the team is hard at work again, refining their robot design, honing teamwork and interview skills for the judged portion of the FTC Championship, and fundraising. It will cost the team \$2500 in travel,

lodging and competition expenses to compete in the Championship. To that end, the team is seeking community support for their journey and is reaching out to area businesses for sponsorship. Team members are happy to visit organizations, schools and businesses to share their academic and technical learning experiences and demonstrate their robot to those interested in learning more about their work.

Your tax deductible donation to Team Duct Tape through parent sponsor Learning is for Everyone will help the team in their continued journey to success. To contribute, please visit [www.TeamDuctTape.com](http://www.TeamDuctTape.com) and donate through Network for Good or PayPal. Donations can also be made by check, payable to Learning is for Everyone with “Team Duct Tape” in the memo section. Donations of any size are welcome, and all proceeds completely benefit the team. Visit [www.TeamDuctTape.com](http://www.TeamDuctTape.com) or call 813-728-2822 for more information.

### **About FIRST**

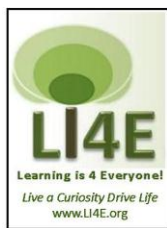


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The goal of *FIRST*, as set forth by founder and inventor, Dean Kamen, is “To transform our culture by creating a world where science and technology are celebrated and where young people dream of becoming science and technology leaders.”

The mission of *FIRST* is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

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