



2020 FTC VA State Championship Sponsored by Capital One generates crowd and excitement, and sends teams on to *FIRST* World Championship

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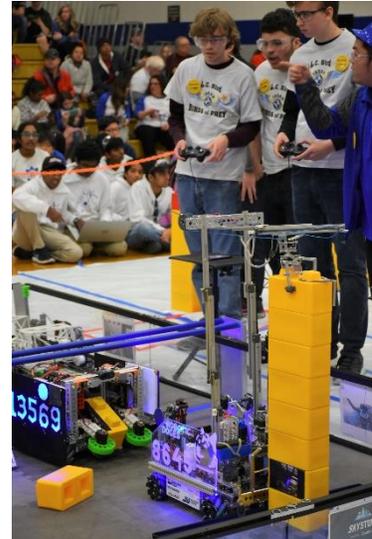
More than 1,500 students and robotics fans turned out for the **FIRST** Tech Challenge (FTC) Virginia Championship sponsored by Capital One, February 23rd at Atlee H.S. in Hanover County.

Eight of the best high school and middle school robotics teams from Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, and Pennsylvania have won places to compete at the world's premier international robotics tournament this spring.

The eight squads were top finishers at the [FIRST Tech Challenge Virginia State Championship](#) Sponsored by [Capital One](#), held at Hanover County's [Atlee High School](#) February 23, 2020.

More than 1,500 visitors, students, and family members came together for the daylong event, where remote controlled robots, designed and built by students, worked in alliances gathering and assembling “stones” on a small playing field that simulates a skyscraper building site.

You can view a video of the game, SKYSTONE presented by Qualcomm [here](#). And to see hundreds of photos of the FTC Virginia State Championship Sponsored by Capital One, click [here](#).



After 68 qualifying rounds and an elimination tournament, four teams advanced to the [FIRST World Championship](#) in Detroit April 29- May 2 based on their scores at the state event. Four additional teams advanced to the international event because they were [judged](#) to embody important **FIRST** values such as teamwork, creativity, innovation, quality engineering, community involvement, and the ability to compete while showing “[gracious professionalism](#)” to competitors.

Teams advancing to Detroit from the **FIRST** Tech Challenge (FTC) Virginia State Championship Sponsored by Capital One:

- FTC Team 8719 – Quantum Leap, Mason, Oh.
- FTC Team 8221 – Cubix^3, Hampstead, Md.
- FTC Team 6931 – The Substantial Monocephalic BrainSTEM Robotics Team, Baden, Pa.
- FTC Team 9794 – Wizard.exe, Rockville, Md.
- FTC Team 11112 – RoboLords, Ashburn, Va.
- FTC Team 6010 – Thunderstone, Alexandria, Va.
- FTC Team 7278 – LibraryBots, Chesterfield, Va.
- FTC Team 4634 – FROGbots, Gainesville, Va.

To see a complete list of results from the **FIRST** Tech Challenge VA Championship Sponsored by Capital One, [click here](#).

FIRST Chesapeake is a twenty-year-old non-profit that engages middle and high school students in exciting, mentor-based, research and robotics programs that help them become science and technology leaders, as well as well-rounded contributors to society.



“We were thrilled at the excitement and turnout at the FTC Virginia State Championship Sponsored by Capital One,” said Leighann Scott Boland, Executive Director of **FIRST** Chesapeake.

“This program encourages students to think creatively and work as teams to tackle different engineering challenges every year. It’s about so much more than just building robots,” Boland added. “Using the robot as the *vehicle*, our students are guided by adult mentors to

develop not just technical, but also important life skills.”

Students participating in **FIRST** robotics programs also qualify to apply for more than \$80 million in college scholarship opportunities.

About *FIRST* Chesapeake:

FIRST Chesapeake is an independent non-profit that brings STEM-based leadership programs to middle school and high school students in Virginia and high school students in the District of Columbia and Maryland. More than 7,000 students participate in the 300+ teams administered by **FIRST** Chesapeake. Over 60,000 people attended **FIRST** Chesapeake events last year and another 100,000 viewed them online.