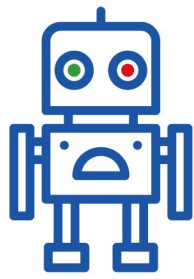


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NAME

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CAREER

Project Support
Center for Learning and Innovation
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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Health Services Administration
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TEAM

Team 386, Voltage

YEAR(S) ATTENDED THE ORLANDO/ FLORIDA REGIONAL AS A STUDENT

2008 and 2009



HOW HAS FIRST IMPACTED YOUR LIFE PROFESSIONAL AND/OR PERSONALLY?

Back in high school my FIRST mentors were some of my biggest supporters and advisers. Thanks to their confidence in me, I turned my GPA around and went off to college. Throughout my many years with FIRST, I have found some of my closest friends. And because of my continued involvement in FIRST, Women in Defense Space Coast Chapter awarded me with the STEM Education Innovators Award for “STEM Mentor of the Year” in 2022. Though my original career plan is nowhere near what I do now, it is thanks to FIRST, and Dean Kamen’s “Luke arm”, that I went into the medical field.

WHAT HAVE YOU WORKED ON IN YOUR CAREER THAT YOU ARE MOST PROUD OF?

My time management and problem-solving skills (both things I learned through FIRST) earned me 2 promotions within 3 years. I also earned my LEAN Yellow Belt certification with a Process Improvement plan I created and implemented for our Policy and Procedure department.

IF YOU CONTINUED YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH FIRST POST-HIGHSCHOOL, WHY?

It was a FIRST Mentor that saw me, truly saw me and what I was struggling with emotionally in high school and went out of his way to get me to join the team. He not only was he my teacher and mentor but through the years has become like a father to me. He saved me when I didn't even know I needed saving. I want to be that for someone, and I know through FIRST I can do just that.