

STELLAR ALUMNI

NAME

Stephen Kowski

CAREER

Global Manager of Technology
for Radius Innovation

EDUCATION

University of South Carolina
Stetson University College of Law

TEAM

312 HeatWave

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

2000-2003

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

I participated in a team project that developed augmented reality software to simulate the experience of health care equipment designs in hospital environments. The benefits are to make information more visible, accessible, interactive and clear to hospital staff. Information includes: a patient's vital stats such pulse, heart rate, oxygen levels, temperature, respiration rate, and blood pressure.

HOW HAS WHAT YOU LEARNED IN *FIRST* HELP YOU SUCCEED IN YOUR CAREER?

FIRST changed my entire worldview. I selected my college based on the opportunity to start Team 1369. I gained a closer relationship with my father starting the TBTA (a 501c3 *FIRST*Tech Challenge affiliate in Pinellas County). I found a lifetime mentor in my high school mentor and fellow referee Mr. Maurice Dobbins. I earned an opportunity for a master's degree by helping the University of South Carolina start a *FIRST* team as part of the College of Engineering recruitment, where I also met my future wife who worked as a College of Engineering coordinator.

