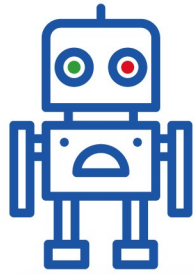


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NAME

Logan Hickox

CAREER

Design Engineer, Nike

EDUCATION

B.S. Mechanical Engineering
University of Florida

TEAM

Team 4118, Roaring Riptide

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

2013–2016



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

FIRST gave me a platform to become a leader by learning from peers and mentors to get a better understanding of how I can be a problem solver and highlight the voices of others through teamwork. Prior to FIRST, I was a pretty introverted kid but throughout Build Seasons and Competitions, I gained confidence in myself by speaking to other teams, teammates, and mentors. From 8th grade to 12th grade, I grew from someone that didn't know anything about engineering nor what it meant to be a leader, to the Captain of my team, a Dean's List Winner, and a prospective engineer ready to take on new challenges.

HOW HAS WHAT YOU LEARNED IN FIRST HELPED YOU SUCCEED IN YOUR CAREER?

Participation in FIRST allowed me to explore my natural curiosity about how the world worked from both a technical and social perspective. I never could have imagined when I was a kid in elementary school playing with Legos that I'd be working in a machine shop and competing with and against so many innovative teams in high school. Those same CAD and critical thinking skills that I developed in my first year of FIRST have only grown and directly help me succeed in my career at Nike, designing shoes that my favorite athletes wear to achieve their goals on the largest world stages. I believe FIRST enables students to explore their curiosities and surrounds them in a community to grow and be themselves, and I'm not sure I'd be in the same position today without that experience.

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

I am most proud of my continued efforts to mentor and empower others whether it be professionally or personally! Being able to design the latest shoes that people wear is incredible, but what's even more gratifying for me is the feeling that people get when they wear them for the first time or maybe even that they're able to perform better whether it be the track, the court, or the field. I'm incredibly grateful for all those that have helped me in my journey and I strive to return that to my community along the way.