

STELLAR ALUMNI

NAME

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CAREER

Innovation Team - The Orlando Magic

EDUCATION

B.S. in Business Administration with a minor in Sports Business Management
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TEAM

Team 3410, L.I.F.E.

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

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

As ironic as it may sound, *FIRST* Robotics taught me how to learn. Without my time here I would have gone through high school and college thinking that the only thing that mattered was my grades. Without a heavy emphasis on real-world experiences, I may have never pursued internships and job opportunities during my time in school out of fear of failing a class or two. These opportunities in turn are what lead to my eventual career path and hopefully some successes along the way.

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

I wouldn't say that I have only succeeded in my career. For every one moment of success along the way, I've experienced a few failures. But *FIRST* taught me how to approach the world pragmatically. The critical thinking skills along with real-life problem-solving experiences that I gained from my time with team Motorobo, which was later rebranded to team L.I.F.E., gave me the confidence in my own abilities and leadership skills to continue to pursue my dreams by learning from those failures each and every day.

