



## Lego Robots Inspire Future Engineers

*Kids across Alaska are making "climate connections" in this year's FIRST Lego League challenge.*

Inventor Dean Kamen founded FIRST, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, with the vision to "...create a world where science and technology are celebrated... where young people dream of becoming science and technology heroes... where kids learn it's more fun to design a video game than it is to play one."

The FIRST Lego League (FLL) is a competition for students ages 9-14 that combines research, robot programming and teamwork into one high

octane competition. Students spend as many as fifteen hours per week preparing for the competition. At FLL tournaments, competitors are judged by teams of educators and engineers. In Juneau, Alaska, this includes civil engineers from the US Coast Guard. The Civil Engineering Unit of the Coast Guard has signed an educational partnership agreement with the Juneau School District for ongoing support of the program.



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