Power Your Purpose.

Title: First Chesapeake, First Texas, Accenture.

Title: This event was filmed in early March before COVID-19 shelter in place orders.

Chris Bjornson: Accenture has been involved in FIRST for a number of years. It’s an organization that inspires young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators of the future.

Title: Chris Bjornson, FIRST Partnership Lead, Chief Information Officer, Accenture Federal Services

I was amazed by the students’ ability to, in 6 weeks, come together with, you know, ground zero to a fully working robot. Our people volunteer their time in various ways to support these kids in their STEM journey, especially through the robotic competition. And their passion really shines through.

Title: Jarrett Cravey, FIRST in Texas Volunteer, Director XDR/MSS, Accenture Federal Services

Jarret Cravey: I am passionate about FIRST because they use really cool things to draw students in to science and technology. And in building and competing with these robots they’re teaching all the soft skills that will help them no matter what career they go into. It’s just an amazing way to get students involved.

Charlene Quaine: FIRST is a chance for a student with any skill level to jump in and contribute something...

Title: Charlene Quaine, FIRST Volunteer & Parent of FIRST Alumna, Business & Integration Arch Manager, Accenture

...Whether it’s that student who has killer organization skills, you know, skills in building or constructing. They just need to have an imagination.
Title: Tiffany Wong, FIRST Alumna & Volunteer, System Developer Specialist, Accenture Federal Services

Tiffany Wong: Some of the skills I learned at first was, one, learning how to work independently. But also as a team. You have to do your own research. You have to propose your own solution. And then you have to work with your team to see if you can create a cohesive solution with a robot.

Title: Martin Hobson, FIRST Volunteer Robotics Judge, Software Developer Manager, Accenture Federal Services

Martin Hobson: What most satisfies me about the FIRST experience is being part of something that shapes these kids and challenges them and gives them a way to excel.

One of the things that stuck me when I was in the stands was that the game announcer was looking at the kids and he was saying, “I have seen the future and the future is bright.” And knowing that you’re being part of shaping that future and making that happen is a very important thing to me.

Tiffany Wong: I participated in the first Alumni chat. And I thought it was a really great platform in order to continue to connect students to professionals and really building community while we’re all just working from home.

Chris Bjornson: The experiences that these students walk away with are infinite. They’re able to take the knowledge of collaboration and working across different experiences, different diverse backgrounds, to come together in a short timeframe and re-