

# States of New England Advocacy Conference

Welcome

We will get started shortly



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# About Me - Nick Galotti

## FIRST Experience

- Joined FIRST for 1997 season on FRC 155
- Went to college at WPI and joined FRC 190 as a mentor
- Started FRC 1735 in 2006

## Other

- Work at MathWorks as a Web Developer



# What is SNEAC?

- States of New England Advocacy Conference
- Started in 2018 as Southern New England Advocacy Conference
- In 2023 NE FIRST asked us to expand to include all New England States
- Goal of SNEAC:
  - Work together in advocacy efforts
  - Become more aware of the legislative process
  - Learn how to become involved in the process
  - Build a relationship with your elected officials
  - Request support from the state



# Special Thanks

- **Connecticut**
  - Tom Letendre - FRC 155 - Technonuts
  - Tim Barron - FRC 178 - 2nd Law Enforcers
- **Maine**
  - Jamee Luce - Program Delivery Partner, FLL Challenge, FRC 2648, FLL 13535
  - David Johnson - FRC Judge and Judge Advisor
- **Massachusetts**
  - Katie McGown - FRC 190 - Gompei and the HERD
  - Jorge Martinez Jr. - FRC 190 - Gompei and the HERD
  - Randy Clemence - FRC 4905 - Andromeda One
  - Jared Andrews - FRC 1735 - Green Reapers
- **New Hampshire**
  - Frank Grossman - NH FIRST
  - Ken St. Hilaire - NH FIRST
- **Vermont**
  - Scott McCalla - FRC 2370 - IBOTS
- **NE FIRST**
  - Michael Fantom
- **SASA - Student Association of STEM Advocacy**
  - Frank Ferrari



# Agenda

## Morning

09:15 - Welcome

09:30 - Advocacy 101

10:30 - Effective Meetings

11:30 - Summary & Afternoon Plan

12:00 - Lunch Break

## Afternoon

01:00 - Breakout sessions by state



# Process

- If you have questions
  - Post them in the Q&A
  - If in person - head to the computer and post in the Q&A
- All slides and materials will be posted at <http://sneac.info>
- We are recording the event



# The Ask

- Each state is different
- For every state:
  - Build a relationship with your elected officials
  - Invite them to your build site / competition
- New Hampshire
  - Thank for continued support and funding
- Massachusetts
  - Ask to cosponsor bill HD.2136 (House) or SD.1182 (Senate)

