



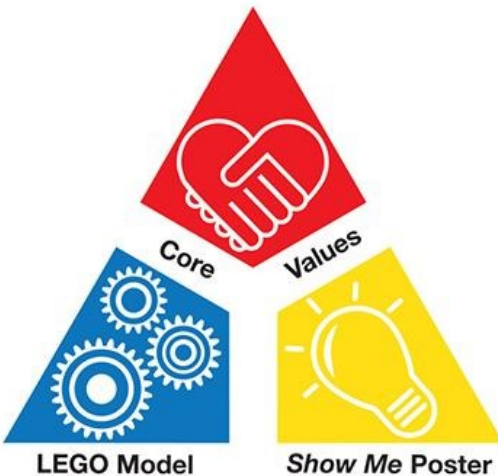
# FIRST<sup>®</sup> LEGO<sup>®</sup> LEAGUE JR.

*“We want to change the culture by celebrating the mind. We need to show kids that it’s more fun to design and create a video game than it is to play one.”*

— DEAN KAMEN, FOUNDER, FIRST

## Three Essential Parts

Each yearly Challenge has three parts: Core Values, the LEGO Model, and the *Show Me* Poster.



## FIRSTLEGO League Jr. Core Values

We ask that everyone associated with every FIRST LEGO League Jr. team understands and honors these Core Values.

- We are a team.
- We do the work. Our Coaches and Mentors help us learn, but we find the answers ourselves.
- We share our experiences and discoveries with others.
- We are helpful, kind, and show respect when we work, play, and share. We call this *Gracious Professionalism*<sup>®</sup>.
- We are all winners.
- We have FUN!

### *Gracious Professionalism*<sup>®</sup>

*Gracious Professionalism* is part of the ethos of FIRST. It’s a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community.

With *Gracious Professionalism*, fierce competition and mutual gain are not separate notions. Gracious professionals learn and compete like crazy, but treat one another with respect and kindness in the process. They avoid treating anyone like losers. No chest thumping tough talk, but no sticky-sweet platitudes either. Knowledge, competition, and empathy are comfortably blended.

In the long run, *Gracious Professionalism* is part of pursuing a meaningful life. One can add to society and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing one has acted with integrity and sensitivity.