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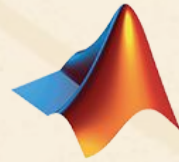
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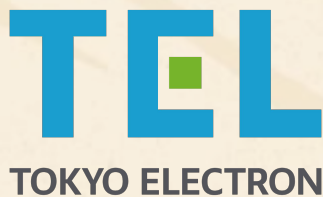
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EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

8 a.m. Pits Open
10 a.m. Practice Matches
11a–2p Lunch
12 p.m. Kickoff Ceremony
6 p.m. Team Social (BLC)
7 p.m. Team Photo (Newsom)
7:30 p.m. Pits Close

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

8 a.m. Pits Open
9 a.m. Welcome Ceremony
9:30 a.m. Qualification Matches
11a–2p Lunch
8 p.m. Event Closes

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

7:30 a.m. Pits Open
8 a.m. Opening Ceremonies
8:30 a.m. Alliance Selection
10 a.m. Divisional Playoffs/Awards
11a–2p Lunch
4 p.m. INGENUITY Finale

*Note: Schedule subject to change. All times are estimated based on flow of rounds.
See Pit Administration table for updated times.*

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Emcees: **GAVIN MACNEAL, DOMINIQUE REGLI**

Game Announcers: **JOSH GOODMAN, CONNOR MCBRIDE**



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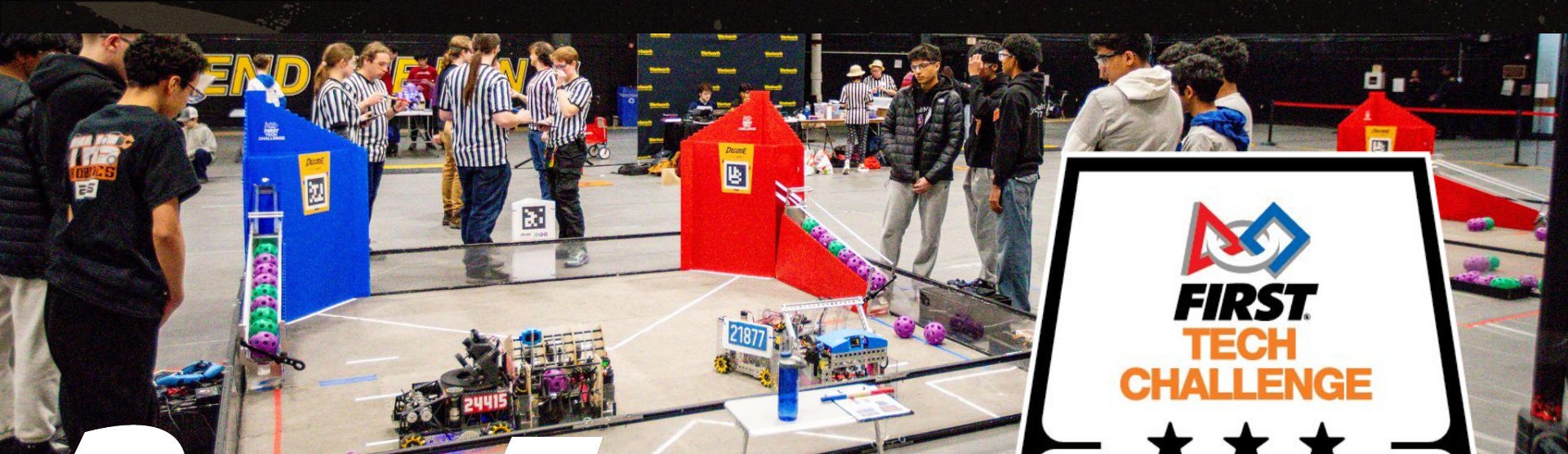
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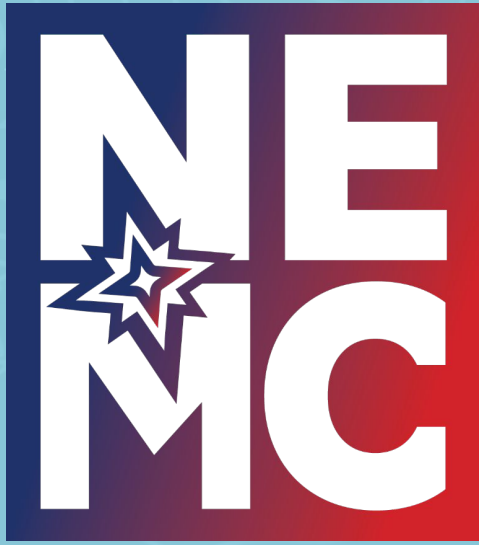
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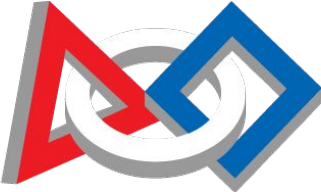
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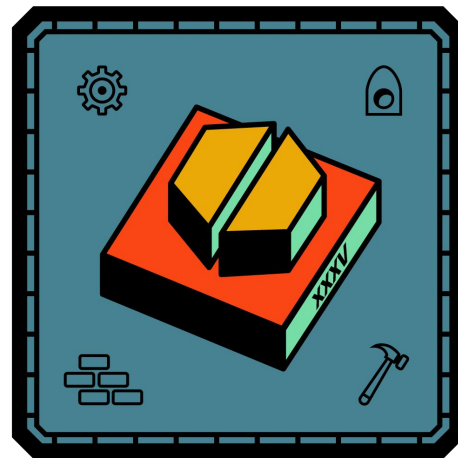
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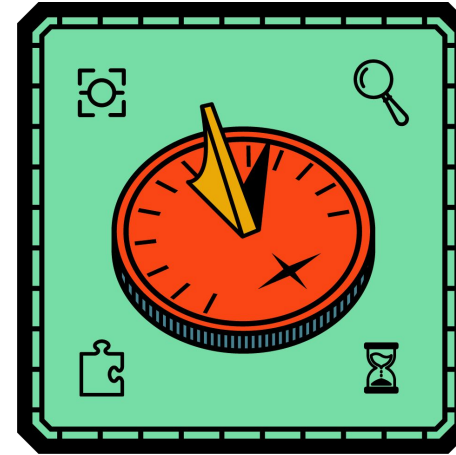
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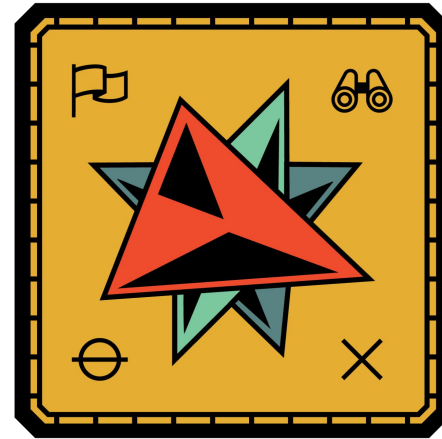
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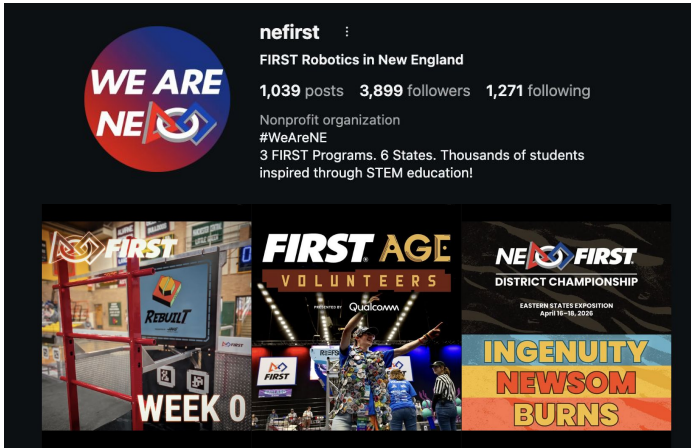
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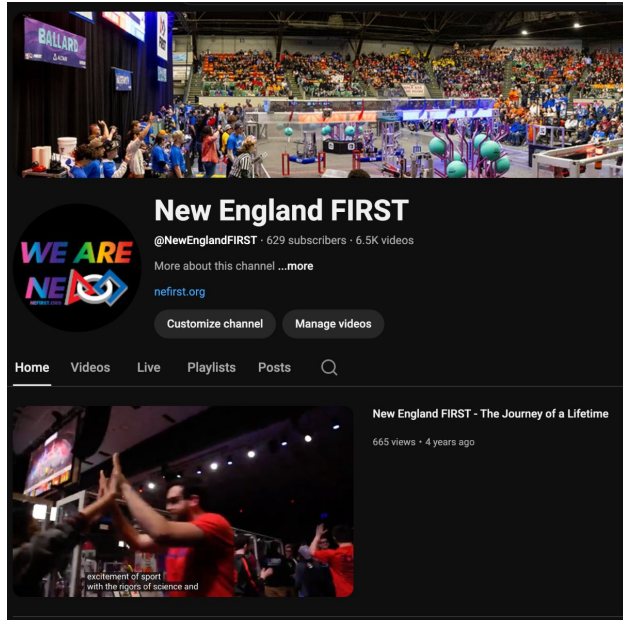
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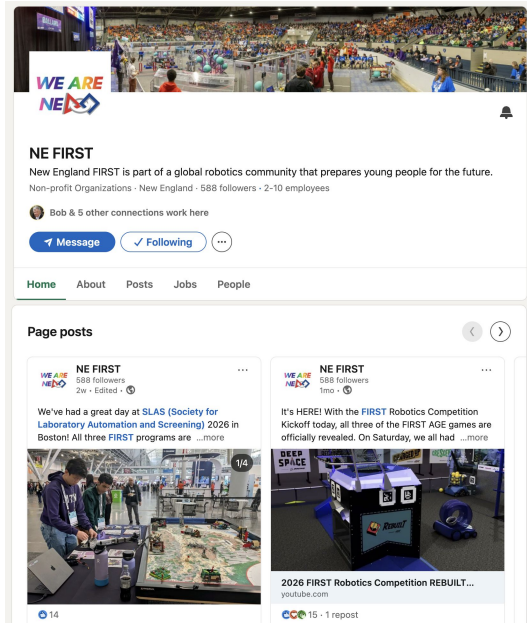


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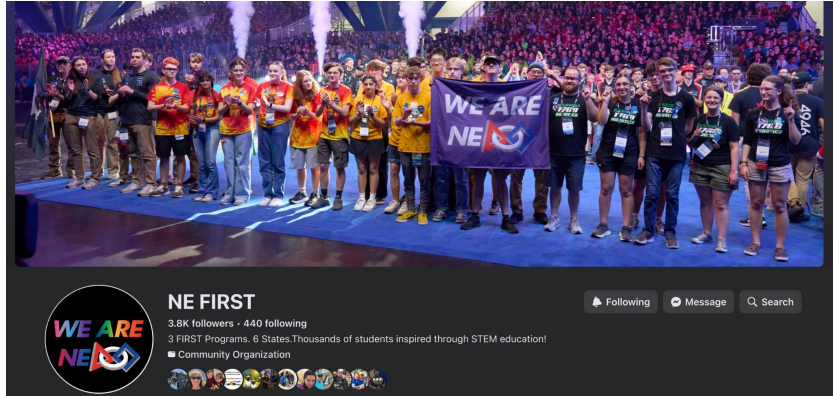
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