FIRST Tech Challenge Workshops
September 9th

FIRST Chesapeake is super excited to announce our new partnership with ECPI University! With ECPI's network of campuses located conveniently throughout the Commonwealth (plus the Carolinas), this partnership will contribute greatly toward of goal of building "Team Virginia", so our geographically diverse teams can experience workshops and other events with each other without having to travel too far from home.

ECPI will host TWO workshops this year, at their Richmond (Innsbrook) and Manassas locations on **September 9**. The workshops will be LIVE in both locations, and will be mirror images of each other. The workshops will feature a full day of sessions on programming – including the new BLOCKS tool; electronics – including the new REV Expansion Hub, design, fundraising and team growth strategies, and new this year – a ROOKIE workshop, and mock judging sessions, plus much more!

ECPI's networked campuses will allow us to all be together for opening remarks, and we will all watch the **game reveal** together **at NOON!** Both locations will have a Relic Recovery^{SM} field set up so teams will get to see and interact with the actual field the same day the game is revealed! We will have time after the game reveal for teams in both locations to ask questions and talk with each other about the game and their strategies! Then, more workshops in the afternoon.

New partners! New software! New hardware! New game! This is going to be an exciting season! You won't want to miss a minute of it, so be sure to get your teams registered early. Teams must be fully registered with FIRST to compete. As shared previously, the FIRST Tech Challenge season has been moved up to avoid overlap with FIRST Robotics and accommodate the many volunteers, staff, and teams that participate in both programs. **Competition season begins November 4**, with our Central Qualifier at Cosby High School.

Workshop details and registration information coming soon. Watch your email and this site for instructions.

About ECPI University:
ECPI University is an accredited college offering accelerated associate's, bachelor's and master's degree programs with the flexibility to fit your life. ECPI provides forward-thinking, market-based curriculum in an accelerated format and was among the first to offer classes in the growing field of computer programming. ECPI University has established a reputation for integrating high-quality instruction with hands on application-based learning, resulting in graduates who are job ready for entry level positions in STEM – H careers. Learn more about ECPI and all its programs at www.ecpi.edu/.