

Class Chats are coming Back-to-School!

Amazon Future of Transportation Panels

in partnership with *FIRST*® LEGO® League.



Class Chats give students and classrooms the opportunity to connect with Amazon professionals to hear about their career journeys and current work in technology. With Panels, classes from all over the nation will tune in to watch Amazonians share their stories under central themes we know will engage your students.

In partnership with *FIRST*® LEGO® League, we're launching two new transportation-theme panels to help keep your student's minds moving as they return to school and/or prepare for their *FIRST*® season.



Amazon Transportation 101

Students will learn how Amazon delivers packages all the way to their doorstep and meet experts from each part of our transportation process ("Global, First, Middle and Last Mile").

Wed 9/29/2021 | 12:00 pm PST | 3:00 pm EST

[Register Now](#)



Transportation for Good

Learn about how Amazon utilizes its extensive transportation and delivery network to do good through programs like Disaster Relief, Community Delivery, and more!

Wed 10/13/2021 | 3:00 pm PST | 6:00 pm EST

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**Recordings of both panels will be available after each event on our website.

Interested in bringing a classroom speaker to your class? Want to see what other panels Amazon offers? Head to amazonfutureengineer.com/classchats to schedule even more career inspiration today!



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Ben Groves Sr. Product Manager ACES & Launch – Global Mile Imports

Ben is in his fourth year with Amazon having spent time in Sort Centers, Amazon Air and now Global Mile. In 2021 Ben traveled over 20,000 miles opening five new import facilities at ports in Oakland, Seattle, Savannah and Charleston. Ben is originally a native of the United Kingdom with 14 years of experience in a diverse range of logistics settings including imports and exports, air freight, ocean freight, warehousing and supply chain tech deployment. Following a 7 years of living in various locations in the US including Orlando, Miami, Detroit and Cincinnati he now lives Seattle and is based out of Amazon's Bellevue Offices.



Jason Cheng Software Development Engineer – Last Mile Planning

Jason came from Iowa State University with a degree in Electrical Engineer, joining Amazon straight out of college. He chose Amazon to get a chance to solve complicated, real world problems using cutting edge, advanced technology. As a student, he was an avid participant, then volunteer for all FIRST® programs, serving as a Field Technical Advisor across Iowa and Washington, as well as a ref at the First Tech Challenge World Championship. In his free time, he loves marathon running and exploring the beautiful parks around Washington.



Zach Elkins Senior Manager, Air Network Global Command Center – Prime Air

Zach Elkins is currently one of the Senior Managers of Amazon Air's Global Command Center in Hebron, KY. Zach holds a Bachelor Of Science in Industrial Engineering with fourteen years experience in the transportation industry. Zach has held multiple field, regional, and corporate roles across the United States for various companies.



Mikell Taylor Senior Tech Program Manager - AR Systems & Products

Mikell Taylor has been building robots for twenty years. She has worked on robots that swim, fly, make, and explore. Currently, Mikell is a Senior Technical Program Manager at Amazon Robotics where she leads a new product development initiative. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Olin College and is an active volunteer with FIRST Robotics and the Boston Children's Hospital Neuroscience Family Advisory Council.



Esha Bedi Product Manager RSR Operational Excellence - Last Mile

Esha started working at Amazon 3 years ago after graduating from the University of Michigan with a degree in Industrial and Operations Engineer. Within her Amazon career she has worked as an Area Manager at an AR Sortable Fulfillment Center, Capacity Planner for Amazon Shipping and currently owns the Last Mile strategy and execution planning for the RSR program. In her free time she loves to play with her 1 year old puppy Loki, do puzzles, and teach dance classes.



Libby Simpson Director of Education at FIRST®

Elizabeth "Libby" Simpson is the Director of Education at FIRST®, the world's leading youth-serving nonprofit advancing STEM education, preparing a new generation of youth for the future through engaging, hands-on robotics programs. Working with administrators, educators, mentors, and industry professionals, she creates programs for building 21st Century skills and best practices for STEM education. This role allows her to observe and evaluate teaching practices and student outcomes to improve frameworks for STEM education globally. She has held many roles within education particularly in career and technical education and is passionate about making learning fun, relevant, authentic and meaningful.

