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Challenging Students to Develop Technology for both Sea and Space:

An ROV Design Competition for Students

Courtesy of Vickie Jensen/Scott Cote

1st place, Ranger class
Cambridge Rindge & Latin School (Massachusetts)

An exciting and educational competition for high school and college students that:

- helps to facilitate connections among employers, technical professionals, students, and educators
- promotes the development of technical, problem solving, and teamwork skills
- increases the visibility of marine-related technical fields, employers, and careers
- highlights the similarities between technologies used in ocean and space science and exploration

For more information on how you can participate, contact:

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4th Annual ROV Design Competition for High School & College Students

From the Depths of the Oceans to the Far Reaches of Outer Space

Courtesy of Donnie Reid/Ocean Photography

2nd place, Explorer class
MIT (Massachusetts)

Underwater Robotics, Anyone?

What?

The Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) Center and the Marine Technology Society's (MTS) ROV Committee are partnering with the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory (NBL) at NASA's Johnson Space Center to organize the 4th annual national student remotely operated vehicle (ROV) design and building competition.

Why?

The contest goals are to increase the awareness of marine technical fields, help students to develop skills necessary for careers in marine technology, and connect students and educators with employers and technical professionals.

This year's competition also gives students an opportunity to learn how similar technologies are used to explore both the depths of our oceans and the far reaches of outer space.

Who?

High school, college, and university students compete. Employers—industry, research institutions, professional societies, and government organizations—and working professionals support the competing student teams and competition events.

Courtesy of Carl Hayden High School

1st place, Explorer class
Carl Hayden High School (Arizona)

Employers gain important benefits

- The opportunity to help develop your future work force
- Visibility through MATE and MTS web sites, newsletters, and conference presentations
- Publicity via advertisements and articles published in industry journals, such as *UnderWater Magazine*
- Your company's logo emblazoned on contest materials and banner at the event venue
- An invitation to attend the competition and display company materials
- Your job announcements posted on the MATE Center's online job board
- Access to skilled interns through MATE's Technical Internship Program
- Access to graduates from technical programs of MATE partner colleges

Employer sponsorship benefits students

- **Team Support**

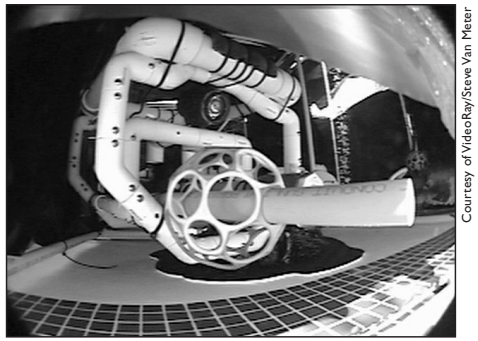
  Sponsors have the opportunity to help teams by contributing:
  - Funds – $5,000 provides travel, and room and board for one team
  - Equipment and building materials
  - Access to workshop facilities
  - Mentors

- **Competition Events**

  High-profile sponsorship opportunities include:
  - Kick-off reception
  - Technical workshops and seminars
  - Event venue
  - Awards ceremony

- **Awards and Prizes**

  Supporting organizations can help recognize teams by providing:
  - Trophies, plaques, and event t-shirts and patches
  - Company products – cameras, thrusters, tethers, tools
  - Trips to subsea facilities or on board vessels
  - Cash awards



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Cabrillo High School Aquarium's (California) Ranger class ROV Vanessa

About the Organizers

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www.marinetech.org

The **MTS ROV Committee** was created in 1978. The Committee's mission is to promote interchange of technical information among industrial, academic, defense, and other organizations in the areas of ROVs, undersea robotics, and artificial intelligence; provide speakers to academic institutions to increase the participation of students in the society and areas of ROV and undersea technology; and produce technical publications related to ROV technology.

www.mtsociety.org
www.rov.org

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www.jsc.nasa.gov/dx/dx12