

FAU HIGH SCHOOL HOSTED SEAPERCH COMPETITION



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Michael Bornstein and Miroslav Homuta explaining their ROV to a judge.

FAU High School hosted the regional SeaPerch High School Competition where students maneuvered team-built underwater remotely-operated vehicles (ROVs) through series of challenging obstacles. The three top winners of the 21 participating teams will advance to the International SeaPerch Challenge to be held at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth on May 29-30.

First place was taken by the Sea Owls Talon from FAU High School. Boca Raton High School's Rover Cats placed second and third place was awarded to SS405, also from FAU High School. Regional winners will join over 100 teams from across the country to compete in an international juried poster competition and in-pool technical events with their SeaPerch ROVs.

Allan Phipps, FAU University Schools STEM coordinator, stated, "We are extremely pleased with the number of students who were able to get a hands-on learning experience in underwater robotics and are excited to see the teams compete in the SeaPerch season."

The U.S. Navy sponsors the SeaPerch program that gives middle and high school students an affordable, hands-on challenge focused around science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) via an innovative underwater robotics program. Regional competitions culminate in the International SeaPerch Challenges held each spring.

