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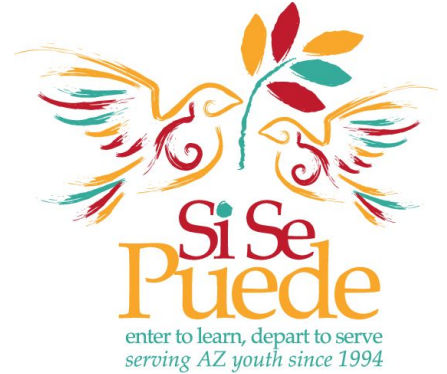
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### **ASU Women's Autonomous Underwater Robotics Team Places 3rd in International Competition and 1st among U.S. Teams!**

*Desert WAVE outperforms all other U.S. teams in the 22nd annual International Robosub Competition!*

**Dateline: San Diego, California, August 6, 2019** - Desert WAVE (Women in Autonomous Vehicle Engineering), a robotics team created by the partnership between the Si Se Puede Foundation and Arizona State University, competed in the 22nd International Robosub Competition facing off against 55 other teams from over 12 countries! Desert WAVE, in its rookie season, dominated most of the field placing 5th overall in the semi finals, earning a spot in the finals, and then moving up to place 3rd overall during the finals. Desert WAVE was the highest ranked U.S. team at the competition with Cornell University coming in 5th. The women's team earned \$3000 for their efforts and are already planning for next year's event!

Robosub website with results: <https://www.robonation.org/competition/robosub>

### **Background:**

- Desert WAVE is a team sponsored and organized by the non profit **Si Se Puede Foundation** dedicated to helping underserved populations. [www.sisepuedefoundation.org](http://www.sisepuedefoundation.org)
- **The Si Se Puede Foundation** partnered with **Arizona State University Polytechnic** to create the Desert WAVE team.
- Desert WAVE website: [www.desertwave.us](http://www.desertwave.us)
- The competition is sponsored by the **Office of Naval Research** (ONR)
- List of teams at the competition  
[https://drive.google.com/open?id=19Vjqw982pWxHWfr\\_3RwkU3NWqErgjBXP](https://drive.google.com/open?id=19Vjqw982pWxHWfr_3RwkU3NWqErgjBXP)
- Other notable U.S teams, Cal Tech, Carnegie Mellon, Georgia Tech, University of California Berkeley, Ohio State, University of Maryland, University of Florida, and Texas A & M
- Link to finals webcast <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rth-Jy5DbcE&feature=youtu.be>

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Please call or email for interviews, the team is available.