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## Team Inspiration Placed 1st in the World Robotics Competition

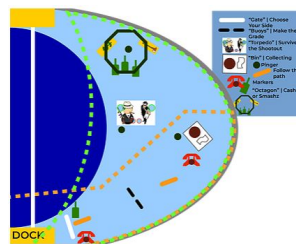
Team Inspiration, a middle / high school robotics team based in San Diego, swept the 2020 international RoboSub competition, beating 32 other teams from around the world and winning:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place overall
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in technical design report (Caltech won 2<sup>nd</sup> place)
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in website
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in video presentation

In fact, Team Inspiration is the only middle / high school team that ever won the world title in RoboSub's 23 years of history.

Results of the competition:

<https://robosub.org/2020/08/30/2020-final-standings/>



For the 2020 RoboSub competition, there were 33 teams representing Brazil, Canada, Egypt, India, México, Norway, Poland, Singapore, and the United States

and territories. All but 3 teams were from top universities around the world such as Caltech, Carnegie Mellon, Duke, Georgia Tech, Ohio State, Arizona State, SDSU, UCSD, Texas A&M, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, National University of Singapore. In contrast, most of the Team Inspiration's members were 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

Normally, the competition is held at the Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) Pacific TRANSDEC in Point Loma in early August. Due to the pandemic, the in-person portion of the 2020 competition was cancelled, but the virtual aspect of the competition continued. So, in lieu of vehicle performance, teams were evaluated on a technical design report, video presentation, and website. You can read Team Inspiration's submission on their webpage below.

<https://team11128.wixsite.com/main/graey>

The team has elected new leadership, is recruiting new team members and mentors with the goal of preparing for the 2021 in-water competition. We are also looking for sponsors to support training and material acquisition for the team to share their STEM knowledge with local and global communities. The team has traveled to Benin of Africa, Tijuana of Mexico, and Paraguay of South America to train over 1,000 students.

Recently, Team Inspiration members began to collaborate with Porpoise Robotics, a San Diego based non-profit organization, in developing an affordable underwater remotely-operated vehicle for STEM education benefiting both local and international students.



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