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**Terry Campus students tie for first place in Navy engineering competition**

DOVER- Students from the Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus electrical engineering technology program designed, built and controlled a remotely-operated underwater vehicle (ROV) for the Greater Philadelphia Sea Perch Challenge hosted by Drexel University on May 10, 2008.

Funded by the Office of Naval Research's "Recruiting the Next Generation of Naval Architects" initiative, the Sea Perch competition challenges middle school, high school and community college teams to design and build submersible devices. During the May event, the teams used remote controls to maneuver the ROVs through a series of obstacles in an Olympic-size pool with help from an underwater camera. Teams with the best presentation and performance take home trophies.

Last year Terry Campus students won third place in the high school and college-level bracket. This year the Delaware Tech team including Toby N. Ayika of Dover and Hamzah F. Ahmed of Magnolia tied for first place in vehicle performance with Swenson Arts and Technology.

"We encourage our students to participate in engineering and design competitions. They provide an opportunity for students to independently apply the principles of technical design and project management, as well as verbal and written communication skills," Joe Pent, Terry Campus

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engineering technology instructor and Sea Perch team coach, said. According to Mr. Pent the students already plan to pass on their experiences to next year's team.

For more information about electrical engineering technology and other programs at the Terry Campus visit [www.dtcc.edu/terry](http://www.dtcc.edu/terry).

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