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NASA's Sixth Annual Robotic Mining Competition wrapped up Friday (or May 22) at the Kennedy

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Space Center Visitor Complex in Florida.

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Undergraduate and graduate students from more than 40 colleges and universities around the

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country used their custom-made, remote-controlled mining robots to dig in a giant arena filled

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with simulated Martian dirt and ice rocks.

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When the dust settled and the points were added up, teams were recognized for their

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efforts at an awards ceremony at the Saturn V Center at the visitor complex.

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The top award, the Joe Kosmo Award for Excellence went to the University of Alabama in collaboration

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with Shelton State Community College.

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The team also won first place in the on-site mining category.

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NASA's Robotic Mining Competition is designed

to engage and retain students in science,

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technology, engineering and mathematics.

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The challenge is for students to design and build a mining robot that can traverse the