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## Si Se Puede Foundation's Degrees of Freedom Robotics Team Wins AZ Robotics State Championship!

Chandler-based community robotics team earns first place in the AZ State Championship!

**Dateline: September 28, 2024** - Degrees of Freedom (DoF) is a robotics team based out of the Si Se Puede Foundation (SSPF) STEM Center located in Chandler, AZ. The community team is composed of 25 students from 13 different local schools in the Chandler area. From January through October, they compete in the <u>FIRST Robotics Competition</u> which challenges students to use their minds and creativity to solve challenging problems, preparing them for a future career in STEM. The students worked hard to find creative solutions to enable their robot to perform extremely well at the State Championship held at ASU's Desert Financial Arena. After 10 qualifying matches, DoF earned the captain position of the 3rd ranked alliance and partnered with two other teams, the Cobra Commanders from Cactus High School and All Knights from Tempe Preparatory Academy. After a day of tough matches, their alliance prevailed and upset the 1st ranked alliance composed of the most recent world champion team and the most recent Hall of Fame team to earn the state championship victory, a first for DoF.

## Background:

- Degrees of Freedom is a FIRST team organized by the nonprofit Si Se Puede Foundation.
- In addition to support from the SSPF, the team is sponsored by General Motors, NASA, Intel, Raytheon, MJS Designs, ChemResearch Corp., Full Speed Media, Honeywell Aerospace, the Arizona Diamondbacks, and the American Industrial Hygiene Association.
- The <u>SSPF STEM Center</u> is located at 3225 N. Washington St. Chandler, AZ, 85225.
- DoF social media links: Facebook, Instagram, YouTube
- Here is a video explaining the rules to this year's game.

