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## **Local High School Students Participate in National Space Challenge**

CITY, State — A team of local students from <a href="[name of high school/organization">[name of high school/organization</a>], in <a href="[city">[city</a>, state]</a>], is among a select group of teams nationwide to participate in the first-ever StellarXplorers

National High School Space Competition. Led by <a href="[name of Team Director]">[name of high school/organization</a>] team is one of just 36-40 teams nationwide admitted to this inaugural national competition. Early competition activities take place locally including: education and training to prepare the team, two practice rounds, and three online competition qualification rounds to identify top teams for the finals. The finalists will receive an expense-paid trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the Championship round, tour of the Space Foundation's 32nd Space Symposium, and Awards Dinner during April 2016.

## [Insert quotation from the Team Director, principal, or student team member as desired]

Created by the Air Force Association (AFA), StellarXplorers is designed to inspire and motivate high school students and their educators to pursue studies and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through a challenging, space system design competition. Building on AFA's successful CyberPatriot National Cyber Education Program, StellarXplorers will make an additional and significant positive contribution to STEM education across the nation. The program is made possible through the support of the Air Force Research Laboratory STEM Outreach Office; Analytical Graphics, Inc.; Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc.; OrbitalATK Inc.; and the Space Foundation.

For more information about StellarXplorers, go to <a href="https://www.StellarXplorers.org">www.StellarXplorers.org</a>.

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