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### Local High School Students Prepare for National High School Space Competition

**CITY, State** – A team of local students from [name of high school/organization], in [city, state], [note: this format may be used for any milestone the Team director deems worthy of publicity, e.g., completion of academics, participation in a practice round, etc.] Led by [name of Team Director], the [name of high school/organization] team is working hard to be ready for the first qualification round in January 2016. One of just 40 teams nationwide in this first-ever national competition, the [Name of Team] believe they have a good shot at the honor of placing high in the standings and earning an expense-paid trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the Championship round during April 2016.

[Insert quotations from the Team Director, principal, or student team member as desired – student comments revealing their excitement, efforts or enjoyment of the competition thus far are particularly appropriate to include in this type of release.]

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 useful towill 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.

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