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14 US Schools Move Forward Into the Next Stage of ARISS Selection

May 28, 2015 — Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT) and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), US managing partners of Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS), are pleased to announce that 14 of the schools/organizations that submitted proposals during the recent proposal window have been accepted to move forward into the next stage of planning to host a scheduled contact with crew on the ISS during the first half of 2016. This is a significant step in ARISS' continuing effort to engage young people in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities and raise their awareness of space exploration, space communications and related areas of study and career possibilities.

The ARISS program anticipates that NASA will be able to provide scheduling opportunities for these US host organizations during the January – June 2016 time period. These 14 schools/organizations must now complete an acceptable equipment plan that demonstrates their ability to execute the ham radio contact. Once their equipment plan is approved by the ARISS technical team, the final selected schools/organizations will be scheduled as their availability and flexibility match up with the scheduling opportunities offered by NASA.

The schools and organizations are:

All Saints STEAM Academy (AS2A), Middletown, RI
Atlanta Science Festival, Atlanta, GA
Booker T. Washington Senior High, Miami, FL
Christ the King School, Rutland, VT
Cradle of Aviation Museum and Education Center, Garden City, NY
Frederick W. Harnett Middle School, Blackstone, MA
National Soaring Museum, Elmira, NY
National Urban Alliance for Effective Education (NUA), Syosset, NY
North Dakota Space Grant Consortium (NDSGC), Grand Forks, ND
Science Museum of Virginia, Richmond, VA
STEM Trajectory Initiative with Albuquerque Public Schools, Albuquerque NM
Stephen F. Austin Elementary School, Brazosport ISD, Jones Creek, TX
University of Alabama in Huntsville Space Hardware Club, Huntsville, AL
Walter Jackson Elementary, Decatur, AL

It is noteworthy that 3 states—North Dakota, Rhode Island and Vermont-- previously not represented in the roster of hosts for ARISS participation are included in this list.

ABOUT ARISS

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) is a cooperative venture of the Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT), the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in the United States, and other international space agencies and international amateur radio organizations around the world. The primary purpose of ARISS is to organize scheduled contacts via amateur radio between crew members aboard the International Space Station (ISS) and classrooms or informal education venues. With the help of experienced amateur radio volunteers from amateur radio clubs and coordination from the ARISS team, the ISS crew members speak directly with large group audiences in a variety of public forums such as school assemblies, science centers and museums, Scout camporees, jamborees and space camps, where students, teachers, parents, and communities learn about space, space technologies and Amateur Radio.

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