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

May 31, 2016 — 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 the schools/organizations selections for the first half of 2017. A total of 12 of the submitted proposals during the recent proposal window have been accepted to move forward into the next stage of planning to host a scheduled amateur radio contact with crew on the ISS during the January through June period of 2017. The primary goal of the ARISS program is 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 2017 time period. These 12 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:

Blair Pointe Upper Elementary School	Peru, IN
Brook Haven School	Sebastopol, CA
Greater Niagara Frontier Council BSA	Buffalo, NY
McBride High School	Long Beach, CA
Palmetto Scholars Academy	North Charleston, SC
Rainbow Middle School	Rainbow City, AL
SCaN/Glenn Research Center	Brook Park, OH
Space Center Houston	Houston, TX
St Joseph School	Ronkonkoma, NY
Student Space Technology Association	Knoxville, TN
Virginia Reinhardt Elementary School	Rockwall, TX
Warwick Valley Central School District	Warwick, NY

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 goal of ARISS is to promote exploration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) topics by organizing scheduled contacts via amateur radio between crew members aboard the ISS and students in 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.

Find more information at www.ariss.org, www.amsat.org and www.arrl.org.

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