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Jacksonville, FL -- A team of students representing Eagle's View Academy and Stanton high school has been named a finalist this week in the annual "Pete Conrad Spirit of Innovation Awards" now underway.

Teams of High School students participate in the competition to develop new business opportunities in the fields of personal spaceflight, lunar exploration or renewable energy.

The title of their project is the Advanced Lunar Greenhouse Air Exchanger (ALGAE). Their project consists of developing algae bioreactors to produce oxygen from carbon dioxide on the moon for future inhabitants. Their bioreactor would utilize combustion gases and sunlight to recycle carbon into biofuels and produce breathable oxygen.

The Conrad Foundation, primary sponsor of the contest, will recognize innovative thinking among youth and build a new generation of scientists to solve some of the most pressing problems of the 21st Century.

The finalists will attend a summit in Early April at NASA Ames Research Center in California.

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