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Finalist high school teams selected for Pete Conrad Spirit of Innovation Awards

SAN FRANCISCO – The Conrad Foundation today announced 21 high school teams as finalists in the Pete Conrad Spirit of Innovation Awards. Tasked with developing innovative products in the fields of personal spaceflight, lunar exploration and renewable energy, teams now need public support for their products.

The finalist teams are:

- ALGAE, Teknatheos, Inc, Orange Park, FL.
- Beamers, North Miami Beach HS, Miami Beach, FL.
- BioH, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, Durham, NC.
- DCs Army, The Haverford School, Haverford, PA.
- Energy Electrified, Mission San Jose HS, Fremont, CA.
- Energy Solutions Group, McAlpine Science Club, Evergreen, CO.
- Extreme Science, Latino College Preparatory Academy, San Jose, CA.
- Final Frontier Apparel, Milken Community HS, Los Angeles, CA.
- GADGET, Glenbrook North HS, Northbrook, IL.
- Global Challenge, Dongchang HS, Shanghai, China
- HarwellAsturia Labs, Cinco Ranch HS, Katy, Texas
- Los Altos Academy of Engineering, Los Altos HS, Hacienda Heights, CA.
- MAST, Milken Community HS, Los Angeles, CA.
- NCACP Engineering, New Castle Area Career Program, New Castle, IN.
- NCSSM Unicorns, North Carolina School of Science & Math, Durham, NC.
- NGWC, North Carolina School of Science & Math, Durham, NC.
- Seattle Instruments, Aviation HS, Seattle, WA.
- Team 168, North Miami Beach HS, Miami Beach, FL.
- The Renewables, North Miami Beach HS, Miami Beach, FL.
- TJ Alpha, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science, Alexandria, VA.
- We Miss Pluto, Hampton, VA.

Finalists will attend the Innovation Summit at NASA Ames Research Center on Apr. 2-4, 2009. Teams will compete for opportunities to commercialize their products. Overall winners will be announced April 4.

All finalist team profiles are now posted at www.conradawards.org. The public can read about each team's product, cast votes, provide comments and financially support their

favorite team(s). Grants will be used for research and prototype development. Public votes will be tallied along with the judges to determine the winners.

“This is a dynamic way to take an active role in creating a future of innovation in science and technology,” said Nancy Conrad, founder of The Conrad Foundation.

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