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**NATIONAL SPACE CLUB ANNOUNCES 2015  
GODDARD MEMORIAL DINNER KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Washington, DC - The National Space Club proudly announces that Ms. Sophia Porter has won the National Space Club Keynote Scholarship, securing her role as the keynote speaker during the Club's 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Robert H. Goddard Memorial Dinner on Friday, March 13, 2015 at the Washington Hilton.

Ms. Porter is a senior at Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy aspiring to study astrophysics and physics after graduation. Her impressive list of awards and honors include winning the Center for Advanced Professional Studies Innovator of the Year scholarship for developing an application in partnership with Children's Mercy Hospital. Ms. Porter is also the sole student member of the InterUrban ArtHouse Board and design team.

The National Space Club is devoted to fostering excellence in space activity through interaction between industry and government, and through a continuing program of educational support. The National Space Club Keynote Scholarship was created in 2012 and is provided to a high school senior, undergraduate or graduate student with the intention to pursue a career in the science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) fields. Applicants were required to complete an online application, and submit a video on why he or she is inspired by space, with finalists undergoing live remarks and interviews. In addition to serving as the dinner keynote speaker, Ms. Porter will receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

The Dr. Robert H. Goddard Memorial Dinner is the major event of the Washington space calendar. First celebrated in 1958, it is held each year near the anniversary of the first successful flight by Dr. Goddard of a liquid-fueled rocket. The dinner brings together nearly 2,000 members of the government, industry and educational space community and is considered the industry's premier gathering of space professionals.

In addition to the Keynote Scholarship, the Club presents several awards at the dinner to a number of outstanding individuals for accomplishments in spaceflight, engineering, science, management and education. The premier award, the Goddard Trophy, is presented to the individual, group or program deemed to have made the most significant contribution to space activity in the previous year.

*Individuals and organizations interested in attending the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Robert H. Goddard Memorial Dinner on Friday, March 13, 2015, at the Washington Hilton, may find more information at our website [www.spaceclub.org](http://www.spaceclub.org). For specific questions, please contact NSC at [info@spaceclub.org](mailto:info@spaceclub.org) or by calling 202-547-0060.*

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