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EDUCATION LAUNCH TO BE WEBCAST LIVE AT LAUNCHNM.COM

LAS CRUCES, NM – The New Mexico Space Grant Consortium (NMSGC) is planning to webcast the Second Annual Education Launch live from Spaceport America on Tuesday, May 4. The UP Aerospace SL-4 rocket is scheduled to launch at 6 a.m. MDT, and will be seen live on the Internet at the NMSGC website (www.launchnm.com/the_launch.php) via Ustream, a leading live interactive broadcast platform.

NMSGC is hosting the Second Annual Education Launch from Spaceport America. This program provides New Mexico students the opportunity to design and launch scientific experiments into space. Dr. Pat Hynes Director of the NMSGC, said, "By making the launch available via webcast, we hope to share our experiences and inspire the imaginations of young scientists all over the world. We want to build awareness of the applied learning and workforce development that is going on right now in New Mexico."

The New Mexico Space Grant Consortium is a member of the congressionally funded National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program that is administered by NASA and sponsored by New Mexico State University. The program promotes and inspires lifelong learning in areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics as it pertains to space-related activities. The consortium supports a wide range of projects and scholarship opportunities, including the Student Launch Program. New Mexico students build multi-sensor electronic experiments that use the environment of sub-orbital space to further their hands-on scientific and engineering experience.

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