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**NATIONAL SPACE CLUB AND FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES  
2023 GODDARD MEMORIAL DINNER KEYNOTE SCHOLAR**

*Washington, DC:* The National Space Club & Foundation proudly announces that, after a nation-wide search, Coleman Goulding has won the National Space Club & Foundation's Keynote Scholarship, securing his role as the keynote speaker during the Club's 66th Annual Robert H. Goddard Memorial Dinner scheduled for Friday, March 10, 2023 at the Washington Hilton.

Mr. Goulding is a college freshman at Missouri University of Science and Technology. He is pursuing a degree in aerospace engineering with aspirations of earning his master's degree, along with a minor in physics. Mr. Goulding excelled in high-level courses and earned a variety of honors including taking first place in the Astronomy event at the regional Science Olympiad competition and being named a commended student in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. Mr. Goulding was also named an Illinois State Scholar, an AP Scholar with Distinction, and he received a Biliteracy Seal Commendation for Spanish. Passionate about the arts, Mr. Goulding is a self-taught musician. He led his section in the marching band, as well as assisted directed and performed in his high school's musicals. He has even released music with his friends.

In his first semester of college, Mr. Goulding joined the Mars Rover Design Team and led the subproject design of the rover's manipulator. This semester, he plans to join the Satellite Design Team and will continue to grow his knowledge and experiences to one day revolutionize the way humanity understands the universe itself.

Mr. Goulding attributes much of his success to his mentor, Mrs. Rebecca Marianetti, and has invited her to join in the celebration of his accomplishment at the Goddard Memorial Dinner. Mrs. Marianetti has served as director of choirs and drama at York Community High School for over two decades, and her experiences include premiering five musicals at the high school level, inviting dozens of Broadway professionals to work with her students, and winning numerous teaching, directing and performance awards with a

deeply grounded belief in the value of storytelling. Her educational philosophy centers around character education through the performing arts, with initiatives launched by her program to spread messages of empathy and equity throughout her school. She lives by the Shaina Taub lyric, "If we open our hearts to each other's needs, what a better world it would be."

The Dr. Robert H. Goddard Memorial Dinner is the major event of the Washington, DC space calendar. First celebrated in 1958, it is traditionally 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 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 U.S. leadership in rocketry and astronautics either as a lifetime of achievement or in the previous calendar year.

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The National Space Club and Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to fostering excellence in space activity through interaction between industry and government, and through a continuing program of educational support. Youth Education is a premier focus of the Club, providing over \$160,000 in scholarships and internships each year. Awards are offered to recognize outstanding accomplishments in spaceflight, engineering, science, management, and education.

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