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ANNOUNCING THE INAUGURAL CLASS OF THE MATTHEW ISAKOWITZ FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR SUMMER 2018

Twenty-Four College and Graduate Students Selected for New Internship and Mentorship Program Inspiring Future Commercial Spaceflight Leaders

The [Matthew Isakowitz Fellowship Program](#) — a new summer internship and executive mentorship program inspiring the next generation of commercial spaceflight leaders — announces the 24 individuals selected for its 2018 class. The highly-selective program pairs exceptional college juniors, seniors, and graduate students pursuing aerospace careers with paid internships at 20 cutting-edge commercial space companies around the nation. Fellows also receive one-on-one mentorship from aerospace industry executives for a full year. The program culminates in a two-day summit during which the Fellows will network with leaders in the industry, visit space start-ups, and develop entrepreneurial skills.

For Summer 2018, the Program received more than 100 applications from 47 colleges in 21 states. From that list, Program coordinators rigorously screened the applicants for academic excellence, relevant experience, and, most importantly, a demonstrated passion for innovation, entrepreneurship, and commercial space.

The Matthew Isakowitz Fellowship Program, Class of 2018:

- **Accion Systems:** Adam Zachar, University of Pennsylvania
- **Altius Space Machines:** Brian Hardy, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- **Astranis:** Calvin Lin, Stanford University
- **Blue Origin:** Daniel Dyck, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- **Blue Origin:** Jeremy Stroming, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Lockheed Martin Ventures:** Eva Abramson, University of California Los Angeles
- **LTA:** Leon Kim, Columbia University
- **Millenium Space Systems:** Todd Sheerin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Moon Express:** Samuel Albert, Purdue University
- **NanoRacks:** Sydney Dolan, Purdue University
- **OneWeb:** Yash Chandramouli, Georgia Institute of Technology
- **OneWeb Satellites:** Chloe Downs, Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Planet:** Axel Garcia, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Planetary Resources:** Joshua Etkind, Tufts University
- **SpaceX:** Dylan Dickstein, University of California, Los Angeles
- **SpaceX:** Padraig Lysandrou, Cornell University
- **Stratolaunch:** Ian Vorbach, Stanford University
- **Strike Force:** Max Goldberg, University of Wisconsin

- **The Aerospace Corporation:** Shayna Hume, University of Miami
- **The Spaceship Company:** Alex St. Clair, University of Colorado Boulder
- **Virgin Galactic:** Golda Nguyen, Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Virgin Orbit:** Hailee Hettrick, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Virgin Orbit:** Henry Ha, Princeton University
- **XPRIZE:** Dylan Cohen, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The Matthew Isakowitz Fellowship Program thanks its host companies, mentors, and partners: Brooke Owens Fellowship Program, The Future Space Leaders Foundation, and the Commercial Spaceflight Federation.

ABOUT THE MATTHEW ISAKOWITZ FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Matthew Isakowitz Fellowship Program is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization honoring the memory of an engineer, entrepreneur, and extraordinary individual whose passion for commercial space exploration led to great strides in the industry and inspired all who knew him. The Program seeks to instill that same enthusiasm into the next generation of commercial spaceflight leaders by providing impactful career training to those who embody Matthew's drive for exploring our universe to help better humankind. Ad Astra.

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