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Two Cochabamba students win scholarship to Space School

Two students from Cochabamba, Andressa Camacho of American International School of Bolivia (AISB) and Annelisse Claros Mendieta from Hughes College, won a scholarship to the International Space School Foundation and will travel to the U.S. at the end of this month. Funding for the grants comes from five Bolivian donor companies and the U.S. Department of State.

The program aims to introduce high school students worldwide to academic instruction related to aerospace and guide them to the aerospace industry. Andressa and Annelisse were chosen through a competition and for their excellent grades in chemistry, physics and mathematics. They will receive space-related instruction in different disciplines and at the end of the course will complete the Mission to Mars Project.

The students will spend much of their time in the Houston Bay Area, home of the Space Flight Center and the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, where the International Space Station programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) are carried out. Later they will visit the University of Houston Clear Lake, the George Observatory and the Houston Space Center.

After completing the two-week course, the students will return to Bolivia to share their experiences with family and friends and will then have the possibility to opt for a career in the different sectors dedicated to space.

Caption: The Charge d'Affaires of the U.S. Embassy Peter Brennan (center) with Andressa Camacho and Annelisse Claros. Behind are the representatives of the sponsors of the trip, VIVA, Roghur, Ortuste and Associates TCM Bolivia, Empacar S.S., and Laboratorios IFA.