

Southeast Alaska Student Wins Trip to Historic Satellite Launch

HAINES, AK

On December 16, HughesNet will be launching their second high capacity broadband satellite, Jupiter 2. This new satellite will bring a new era in broadband satellite Internet to Southeast Alaska. Anchorage based telecom company, Microcom, has been working with Hughes over the last 4 years to get access to this satellite for Southeast Alaska. With the launch of this 5 generation satellite, HughesNet will be bringing true satellite broadband Internet speeds previously unseen in the Southeast Alaska region; over 10 times faster than the current 3rd Generation service.

Lockheed Martin, the builder of the Atlas V rocket, has generously given Microcom VIP seats to attend the launch. Those tickets, along with transportation and accommodations provided by Microcom, were offered up to all high school junior and senior students as part of a contest; a unique opportunity to see the launch of an Atlas V rocket with the Jupiter 2 payload from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

With this contest, Microcom asked the students to answer one simple question: At your home, when you turn on the switch why do the lights come on? Out of all of the submissions, it was Jordan Stigen, a 17 year old Haines High School senior, whose one page essay was selected by the panel of judges, who were particularly charmed by the closing line of "as my father says "It's because I pay the bill."

Jordan and her father will be enjoying a 5 day long trip to the NASA facility at Cape Canaveral, Florida to attend the launch of the Jupiter 2 satellite. We at Microcom would like to congratulate Jordan on her wonderful essay. We can't wait to see the photos and videos of her trip and the launch; and we cannot wait to begin better serving the Southeast Alaska community with high-speed internet through HughesNet.

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