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SPACEPORT AMERICA CELEBRATES VIRGIN GALACTIC'S SUCCESSFUL SPACESHIP LAUNCH

SPACEPORT AMERICA, NEW MEXICO – May 25, 2023 – Spaceport America is elated to extend its congratulations to Virgin Galactic on the remarkable success of today's Unity 25 Spaceship launch. This achievement marks a significant milestone in the history of commercial space travel and reinforces Spaceport America's position as a leading hub for innovation in the space industry.

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham stated, "Congratulations to Virgin Galactic and Spaceport America on a successful flight today. With the first commercial flights just a month away and 300 New Mexicans employed, our investment in this up-and-coming industry is clearly paying off. I also want to especially congratulate astronaut and New Mexican Jamila Gilbert for making it to space today!"

The Unity Spaceship, designed and developed by the team at Virgin Galactic, soared into the heavens, carrying the aspirations of individuals who seek to explore the cosmos. The execution of this mission demonstrates Virgin Galactic's commitment to pushing the boundaries of human space exploration.

Scott McLaughlin, Executive Director at Spaceport America, expressed his delight at this extraordinary achievement, stating, "It was a good day for Virgin Galactic, a good day for Spaceport America, and a great day for New Mexico." He added, "This will really help move the needle for the region's goals for building the aerospace business ecosystem from Los Alamos to El Paso, a region we are now calling Space Valley."

Spaceport America remains committed to its mission of driving the frontiers of space exploration, enabling breakthroughs in aerospace technology, and bolstering economic development for the region.

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Spaceport America (<https://www.spaceportamerica.com>) is the first purpose-built commercial spaceport in the world. The FAA-licensed launch complex, situated on 18,000 acres adjacent to the U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range in southern New Mexico, has a rocket-friendly environment of 6,000 square miles of restricted airspace, low population density, a 12,000-foot by 200-foot runway, vertical launch complexes, and about 340 days of sunshine and low humidity.

Some of the most respected companies in the commercial space industry are tenants at Spaceport America: [Virgin Galactic](#), [HAPSMobile/ AeroVironment](#), [UP Aerospace](#), and [SpinLaunch](#).

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