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LELWD Creates Programs for College-Bound Students

LITTLETON – The Littleton Electric Light and Water Department is launching two new programs to encourage college-bound students to study engineering or environmental science – two disciplines critical for professionals working for power and water utilities.

LELWD is partnering with Littleton High School to start a dual enrollment program that will allow eligible students to take college-level courses at no cost. LELWD has also created the Denise M. Pagacik Memorial Scholarship, an annual merit-based scholarship that rewards ambitious students interested in engineering or environmental science.

“Our hope is that these programs will encourage students to enter fields of study that may lead them to a career at an electric light or water department,” said LELWD General Manager Nick Lawler. “LELWD is excited about this opportunity to invest in the future workforce and help families with the rising cost of higher education.”

Under the dual enrollment program, juniors and seniors with a 3.0 or higher grade point average can apply to take one course per semester at a local college or university. The student will earn credit toward their future college degree while completing high school. LELWD will pay for the cost of the course and books.

Students can take courses at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, but other institutions will also be considered. The program will be available for the 2019-2020 school year; the deadline to apply for the fall semester is April 1.

Some sample courses available at UMass Lowell will include Introduction to Electrical and Computer Engineering, Weather and Climate, and Computer Aided Design.

The new scholarship was created in memory of Denise M. Pagacik. Denise was a loving mother and wife, and integral part of the Littleton community for more than 25 years.

“Denise was always there for others,” Lawler said. “LELWD is committed to serving the community with the same dedication and selflessness that Denise lived her life by.”

In order to be eligible for the one-time award of \$2,000, students must have successfully participated in the new dual enrollment program and met certain minimum criteria.

For more information about the dual enrollment program, visit www.lelwd.com/dual-enrollment/.

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LELWD has been providing reliable power to the towns of Littleton and Boxborough, and clean drinking water to the town of Littleton for over a century. LELD consistently ranks among the lowest residential electric rates in the state.