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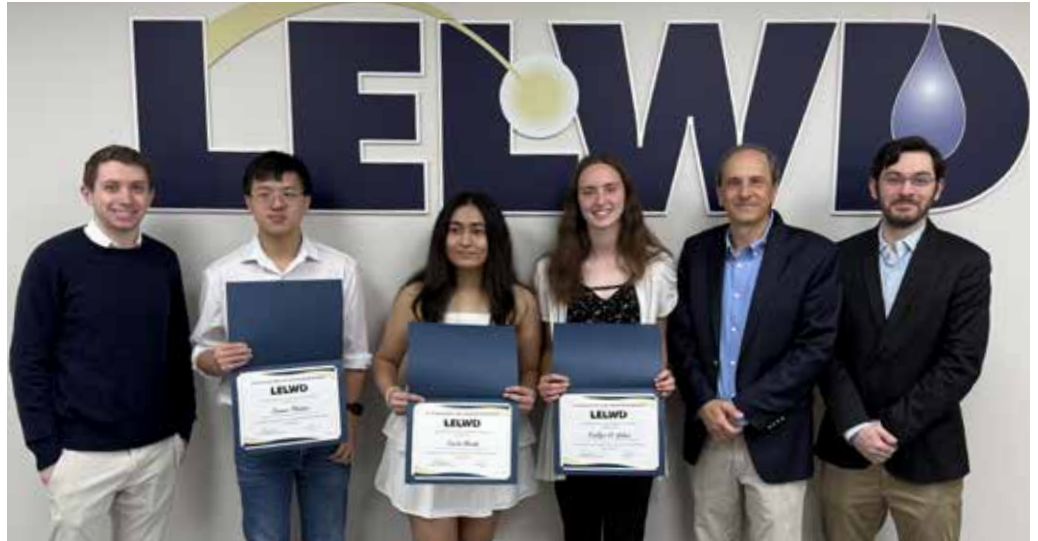
Scholarship Leads to Engineering Career

Four years after receiving the Denise M. Pagacik scholarship from the LELWD, Littleton resident Paige Hornbeck is launching her career with the engineering firm Weston & Sampson in Manchester, N.H.

Paige graduated from the University of New Hampshire in May with a civil engineering degree, and recently joined the company's structural and transportation sector, working with software for site plans and structural calculations.

Paige loves interacting with people and hopes to work her way into the field, engaging with community members and learning more about environmental sustainability. The 2021 Littleton High School alum thanked LELWD and her community for the support that helped guide her career path.

"Having that support from multiple sectors and knowing that people cared about putting me through college with this specific degree was really assuring," she said.



Littleton High School graduates Cainan Pletcher, Tvisha Nanda and Kaitlyn St. Gelais are winners of this year's Denise M. Pagacik Scholarship recently presented at LELWD's office by Commissioner Ivan Pagacik and his sons, Matthew and Michael.

Three Seniors Win Pagacik Scholarships

Three graduates from Littleton High School who will pursue degrees in engineering and environmental science have been awarded the Denise M. Pagacik Memorial Scholarship.

Tvisha Nanda, Kaitlyn St. Gelais, and Cainan Pletcher each received a \$2,000 prize toward college tuition. This is the first year three winners have been chosen due to the strength of the applicants.

The scholarships are given in the memory of Denise M. Pagacik, the late wife of LELWD Commissioner Ivan Pagacik. A Littleton resident for more than 25 years, she was a loving mother who is remembered for her selfless commitment to the community and helping others. Two scholarships were funded by the Pagacik family and the third by LELWD.

"Tvisha, Kaitlyn and Cainan all have a track record of academic achievement, but perhaps most importantly, they have demonstrated a commitment to their community through volunteering and public service," said Nick Lawler, LELWD's general manager.

The competitive scholarships are awarded to LHS students pursuing engineering or environmental sciences - careers vital to the future of electric and water utilities.

- Cainan will be attending Lehigh University for engineering.
- Tvisha will be attending UMass Amherst to study biomedical engineering.
- Kaitlyn will be attending the University of New Hampshire for environmental science.



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Electric Rates Lowest

LELWD's residential electric rate averaged lowest in the state for the first three months of 2025. An LELWD customer using 750 kilowatt-hours per month paid \$104.58.

That was the lowest of 45 investor-owned and municipal electric providers in Massachusetts for January and February. LELWD placed second in March when North Attleborough Electric Department squeaked into first place with \$103.46.

By comparison, National Grid and Eversource customers paid over \$250 per month for the same usage, according to data compiled by the Ludlow-based Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company.

New EV Chargers

Two new DC fast electric vehicle chargers at Littleton Common bring LELWD's total number of charging stations to 10 in Littleton and one in Boxborough. LELWD customers receive a discounted charging fee when they register in the EV Program.

EV Program members can also qualify for a \$300 rebate for the installation of a Wi-Fi-enabled Level 2 charger and an \$8 per month bill credit for charging in off-peak hours. To learn more about the EV Program and to enroll, visit <https://www.lclwd.com/greenrewards/ev/>.

LELWD Wins National Community Service Award

The Sue Kelly Community Service Award, bestowed by the American Public Power Association, honors public power providers with a commitment to the community beyond keeping the lights on.

LELWD proudly accepted the award at the annual APPA conference earlier this month. In total, 24 individuals and nine utilities were recognized in New Orleans.

LELWD focuses on community service as shown in a 2024 customer survey. Customers gave LELWD a 93.2 percent rating for customer service, well above the national average of 59.3 percent.

The ratings can be attributed to the many community service traditions that LELWD and its staff support, including:

- The annual senior citizen luncheon.
- Thanksgiving dinner baskets and Toys for Tots donated by LELWD employees.
- Planting free shade trees in customer lawns.
- Stringing the Common holiday lights.
- Scholarships, technology grants, safety programs, a dual-enrollment program and internships for students and the public schools.



Accepting the award were LELWD Commissioner Scott Larsen and Executive Assistant Sara Karr, who organizes many of the community efforts. They are pictured with Nick Lawler (right), LELWD general manager and immediate past chair of the APPA's Board of Directors, and John Haarlow (left) CEO/general manager of Snohomish County PUD in Washington and the new APPA board chair.



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