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LELWD Awards Scholarship to Littleton's Hornbeck

LITTLETON – The Littleton Electric Light and Water Departments awarded this year's Denise M. Pagacik scholarship to Paige Hornbeck, a Littleton High School graduate who plans to study civil and environmental engineering at the University of New Hampshire.

The \$2,000 scholarship is an annual, merit-based scholarship that focuses on rewarding a highly motivated high school senior interested in the fields of engineering or environmental sciences.

"We are pleased to award this scholarship to Paige, an outstanding student leader, athlete and volunteer who is dedicated to pursuing a career in civil and environmental engineering," said Nick Lawler, LELWD's general manager.

This scholarship was created in memory of Denise 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. The scholarship recognizes the positive impact that Denise had on the community by helping Littleton students achieve their career goals.

Hornbeck was selected based on her academic excellence and intellectual passion; great distinction in leadership activities; strength of vision for fulfilling her goals and outstanding commitment to community involvement.

Hornbeck said she was inspired by The Walt Disney Company and would love to become an Imagineer because they use engineering to create an enjoyable and

magical experience. Her goal is to use her knowledge and experience to make a positive impact on people's lives.

"I've always been passionate about giving back to the community, advocating for kindness, and am always intrigued by new projects and ways I can make a positive impact," she said. "I knew I wanted to be in a field that changed society for the better, so my love for math and hands-on learning pulled me towards engineering".

Hornbeck has been involved in the Humanitarian Club, was the head of the Rise Against Hunger Committee, the Art Committee, and a member of the National Honor Society. She has also worked on several community service projects such as Relay for Life, Polar Plunge, The Giving Tree, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and Loaves and Fishes.

"The reward from all of these projects is always greater than the sacrifice; they've basically steered me down life's path and given me my purpose so that's the greatest reward I could ask for," she said.

During her high school career, Hornbeck was a cheerleader and played lacrosse all four years. She also was a high school assistant for the aftercare program, Tiger's Den, and plans to be a camp counselor for Camp Tahattawan this summer.

She is grateful for the support from her mother, Trish, her dad, Paul, brother Payson, and their dog, Pilot.

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