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Littleton High School senior Arav Arora was presented the Denise M. Pagacik Scholarship by LELWD. Pictured are (left to right) General Manager Nick Lawler, Assistant General Manager David Ketchen, Michael Pagacik, Commissioner Ivan Pagacik, Arav Arora, his mother Aarti, his father Arun, and Connor Reardon, Energy and Sustainability Manager.

LELWD Scholarship Awarded to Arav Arora

LITTLETON – The Littleton Electric Light and Water Departments awarded this year’s Denise M. Pagacik Scholarship to Arav Arora, a Littleton High School graduate who will attend the Georgia Institute of Technology and pursue a career in cybersecurity.

The \$2,000 prize 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 congratulate Arav on his success at Littleton High School, and we are pleased to award him this scholarship to continue his studies. His interest in cybersecurity is particularly relevant for public utilities who are challenged by cyberthreats, and we hope Arav will soon be one of the good guys who helps stop these threats to public safety,” 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.

In his scholarship essay, Arora spoke of his drive to help others through his volunteer work, including as an assistant soccer coach and a mentor with Littleton Robotics. While maintaining a 5.0 grade point average and playing soccer, Arora made time to help others.

“In my eyes, helping those around you can strengthen communities, build an individual’s sense of purpose, and improve people’s well-being. Knowing that they are making a difference in the world can be satisfying for many people, and their help and support can create a ripple effect of kindness in their society,” he wrote in his scholarship essay.

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