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MMWEC Awards Scholarships to Ludlow, Minnechaug High School Students

LUDLOW, Mass. – July 1, 2021 – The Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) has selected four students from Ludlow High School and Minnechaug Regional High School classes of 2021 to receive \$1,000 scholarships.

The scholarships are awarded to deserving graduates pursuing a college education in engineering, environmental sciences, business, finance, accounting, or a related field. Since 1998, MMWEC has awarded \$54,000 in scholarships to help students defray the cost of higher education as part of its commitment to the Ludlow, Hampden, and Wilbraham communities.

This year's scholarship recipients are John Chen and Paulo Cesar Mendonca from Minnechaug Regional High School and Jacob Belden and Catarina Pires from Ludlow High School.

Chen will attend UMass Amherst and study civil engineering. During high school, he participated in band and served on the Diversity Club, Above the Influence Club, and the Key Club.

Mendonca plans to attend Gordon College in Wenham, Mass. and major in environmental science. At Minnechaug, he played on the school's football, rowing, and wrestling teams and served on the Above the Influence Club, which promotes awareness of social issues.

Pires will attend Western New England University and major in accounting. At Ludlow High School, she played basketball, soccer, and track and field and was a member of the National Honors Society and Portuguese Club.

Belden plans to attend Western New England University and major in mechanical engineering. While in high school, he was on the Honor Roll and participated on the basketball, cross country, and skiing teams.

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“The students selected for MMWEC’s 2021 scholarships embody leadership and determination both inside and outside of the classroom,” said MMWEC Chief Executive Officer Ron DeCurzio. “We wish them continued success during their collegiate journeys.”

MMWEC is a non-profit, public corporation that provides a variety of electric power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the Commonwealth’s consumer-owned municipal utilities. MMWEC is the operator and principal owner of the Stony Brook power plant on Moody Street and has been a corporate resident of Ludlow for over 40 years.

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