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Kara Yelinek, Marcus Lafayette receive MMWEC scholarship awards

LUDLOW, Mass. – June 11, 2012 – The Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Ludlow High School (LHS) Class of 2012 graduates Kara Yelinek and Marcus Lafayette.

MMWEC annually awards two \$1,000 scholarships to LHS graduates pursuing a college education in engineering, environmental sciences, finance or accounting.

Yelinek is planning to pursue a degree in engineering at the University of Vermont. She finished high school as a member of the National Honor Society, earning both High Honors and a Presidential Certificate. She was active in a number of community service projects and extracurricular activities, including the LHS soccer and track teams as well as the Art Club and Anti-Bullying Task Force.

Lafayette is planning to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering at Western New England University, with a concentration in renewable energy resources. His academic credentials also are very good, including membership in the National Honor Society and receipt of High Honors and a Presidential Certificate. He also is described by LHS staff as “a talented athlete and gifted musician”, reflecting his success with the LHS baseball, basketball and cross-country teams as well as the LHS Symphony Band.

“These students have shown an ability to balance the demands of school, extracurricular activities and other aspects of their lives to achieve success through hard work and dedication,” said MMWEC Chief Executive Officer Ron DeCurzio. “Such attributes will serve them well going forward, and we wish them continued success in their academic careers,” he said.

As part of its commitment to the Ludlow community, MMWEC has awarded \$28,000 in scholarships to help LHS students defray the cost of higher education since the inception of the scholarship program in 1998.

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 more than 35 years.