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Ludlow, Minnechaug HS Students Receive MMWEC Scholarship Awards

LUDLOW, Mass. – June 19, 2017 – The Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) has awarded four \$1,000 scholarships to Ludlow High School and Minnechaug Regional High School Class of 2017 graduates.

This year, MMWEC expanded its scholarship program to include two scholarships for Minnechaug students – one scholarship for a student from Hampden, and one from Wilbraham. This is in addition to the two scholarships awarded annually to two Ludlow High School students. The \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to deserving graduates pursuing a college education in engineering, environmental sciences, business, finance or accounting.

This year's winners are Lilian Brown and Emmett Dec from Ludlow High School, and Joseph Burzdak and Travis Van Brewer from Minnechaug Regional High School.

Brown will attend the University of Vermont to student environmental engineering. In high school, she was involved in band, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Leading Lions and the Girl Scouts.

Dec will study mechanical engineering at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. In high school, he participated in Student Council and jazz band, and played tennis and volleyball.

Burzdak plans to major in meteorology at Western Connecticut State University. At Minnechaug, he was a member of the jazz, pep and marching bands, as well as National Honor Society and Mathletes.

Van Brewer will attend Tufts University to study civil engineering. During high school, he was a member of the National Honor Society. He was also the boys' soccer team manager and a Poetry Out Loud finalist.

"We are proud to support these outstanding, accomplished students," said MMWEC Chief Executive Officer Ron DeCurzio. "We wish them much success in college and beyond," he said.

As part of its commitment to the community, MMWEC has awarded \$38,000 in scholarships to help 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 40 years.