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Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative Corporation Awards Scholarships to Mount Greylock Students

LUDLOW, Mass. – June 20, 2024 – The Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative Corporation (BWPCC) has selected two students from the Mount Greylock Regional High School class of 2024 to receive \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarships are awarded to qualifying seniors at select schools in the Berkshires who are planning to attend either a two- or four-year college or trade school program.

This is the third year of the BWPCC scholarship program. The BWPCC owns and operates the Berkshire Wind Power Project, a 12 turbine, 19.6-megawatt wind farm located on Brodie Mountain in Hancock and Lanesborough, Mass. The non-profit BWPCC consists of 16 municipal utilities located in Ashburnham, Boylston, Chicopee, Groton, Holden, Hull, Ipswich, Marblehead, Paxton, Peabody, Russell, Shrewsbury, Sterling, Templeton, Wakefield, and West Boylston, and their joint action agency, the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC).

This year's scholarship recipients are Jamie Sweren of Lanesborough and Owen Petropulos of Hancock.

Sweren will attend Ithaca College and major in Writing for Film, Television, and Emerging Media. In high school, she participated in volleyball, basketball, lacrosse, chorus, and the Young Environment Squad. She served as a teacher assistant in Wellness class, and was also selected to represent Mount Greylock at the MIAA Sportsmanship Summit.

Petropulos plans to attend Trinity College and major in History and Economics. At Mount Greylock, he was captain of the golf team, a member of the orchestra, and co-founded the Philosophy Club. He was also a member of the National Honor Society and was the recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Prize for History.

"We are proud to support the 2024 Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative Corporation scholarship recipients, who embodied leadership and determination throughout their high school journeys," said MMWEC Chief Executive Officer Ron DeCurzio.

Since 1998, MMWEC has awarded \$66,000 in scholarships to help students defray the cost of higher education.

MMWEC is a not-for-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts created by an Act of the General Court in 1975 and authorized to issue tax-exempt debt to finance a wide range of energy facilities. MMWEC provides a variety of power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the state's consumer-owned, municipal utilities. It is the largest provider of asset-owned generation for municipal light departments in New England.

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