Western Awards Local Students Scholarships for Careers in the Water Industry

Riverside, CA – With higher education costs continuing to rise, Western Municipal Water District (Western) works with local colleges and universities to offer scholarships to Riverside County students. Local institutions, including University of California Riverside (UCR), California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB), Riverside City College and Norco College all offer endowed scholarships from Western for students studying a water-related subject or plan to pursue a career in a water-related field.

“Western knows the importance of having highly trained and qualified team members, and we want to continue to develop our region’s future leaders’ education and passion for water and the environment through these scholarships,” shares Western’s General Manager John Rossi. “As senior-level staff members in the water industry retire, we have more jobs to fill; our scholarship programs help ensure that qualified candidates are available when it comes time to hire.”

Since 2003, Western has provided scholarship opportunities to encourage and support students studying a water-related career path. The Lois B. Krieger Endowed Scholarship is available to CSUSB students pursuing a career in water or geology. The yearly scholarship given is roughly $1,300. For students pursuing public service careers and studying at UCR, the Charles D. Field Endowed Scholarship provides funding for approximately $900 per year. Riverside City College and Norco College hosts the Western Municipal Water District Endowed Scholarship for students studying a water-related subject, for a maximum of $500 per year. For more information on the scholarships, visit wmwd.com and search “scholarships.”

The following students have been awarded scholarships from Western Municipal Water District’s program in 2017:

**Kyle Peña**
- California State University San Bernardino
- Amount - $1,337
- Past President of Geology Club
- Graduate student
- Career Goal: Paleo Seismologist

**Eileen Tovar**
- University of California Riverside
- Amount - $900
- Public policy student
- Concentration: environmental & urban planning

**Michael Pimentel**
- Riverside City College
- Amount - $500
- Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society
- Transfer to UCR
- Major: Business Administration

**Joshua Dailey**
- Norco College
- Amount - $500
- First generation college student
- Studying to teach math & science