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NHA Congratulates 2011 Past Presidents' Legacy Scholarship Program Winner

Andrew Longenecker is the 2011 recipient

Washington, D.C. (April 4, 2011) -- The National Hydropower Association is pleased to announce that it has awarded Andrew Longenecker its prestigious Past Presidents' Legacy Scholarship for 2011.

NHA established the Past Presidents' Legacy Scholarship in 2008 to contribute to the next generation of industry leaders by helping them complete their degrees. Through donations from NHA's previous presidents and other contributors, the scholarship will serve as a legacy for the hydropower industry.

"Through this scholarship, NHA's leadership is building a bridge to the next generation of hydropower innovators," said NHA Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci. "The scholarship also helps the hydropower industry ensure that the country will have a pool of strong, dynamic engineers and scientists to help address the needs of the 21st century."

Longenecker is working toward a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Science, Environment and Resources at Stanford University. After studying Brazil's hydroelectric system while working for McKinsey & Company, a leading consulting firm, he developed an interest in clean, reliable hydropower. In applying for the scholarship, he stated that in his graduate degree pursuits, he is interested in studying a combination of wind and wave power generation systems and is also very interested in efficiency upgrades at existing hydro facilities.

"Andrew's interest in hydropower growth, especially in the emerging wave and tidal technologies is an exciting and important development that we in the hydropower industry welcome," said Church Ciocci. "This crucial work contributes to our country's clean energy and economic goals for the future."

To qualify for the Past President's Legacy Scholarship, applicants must be full-time juniors, seniors, or grad students with a 3.0 grade-point average at an accredited college, or have the equivalent average at an accredited vocational technical school. All applicants must be U.S. citizens and legal residents.

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