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Hydropower Foundation announces the 2022 recipient of the *Julie Keil Scholarship for Women Award*

The Hydropower Foundation announces the 2022 recipient of the Julie Keil Scholarship Award, a young woman who reflects many of Julie's attributes. Currently pursuing her Master's degree in Water Resources and Environmental Engineering at North Carolina University, **Chelsee Brumback** has demonstrated the ability to foster collaboration between researchers, engineers, policymakers, and the public while ensuring renewable energy and environmental sustainability remain in focus. Miss Brumback has been recognized as a University of Louisville Dean's Scholar Honoree from 2017-2021 while pursuing her bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. She volunteers her time with the American Society of Civil Engineers and is a member of the Honor Society of the Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Club. As a first-generation college student, Chelsee has shown strength and persevered to complete her degree despite financial challenges. She continues her academic journey toward obtaining her Master's degree and an eventual career in hydropower.

"Julie Keil was a major force and recognized as a leader for change in the hydropower industry. Her highest personal priority was to raise two thoughtful and independent young women empowered with education and personal character. Providing financial assistance to support and encourage the entry of women into the hydropower industry is right out of the Julie Keil playbook." (John Suloway, Gomez and Sullivan).

The hydropower community is honored to ensure Julie's legacy by recognizing students who represent her many characteristics through this unique award. Julie's passionate efforts to balance the interests of the hydropower industry with innovative environmental protection and enhancement programs forever bettered the world in which we live.

The scholarship award was presented to Chelsee at the July 13 luncheon for "Women in Hydro" at the HydroVision International Conference in Denver, CO.

Information on future scholarships for women entering any aspect of hydropower is available at Julie Keil Women in Hydro Scholarship or www.hydrofoundation.org.