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### **NHA invests in future of hydropower with scholarship award**

#### *Kaitlyn Martin named 2012 awardee of Past Presidents' Legacy Scholarship*

Washington, D.C. (April 17, 2012) – The National Hydropower Association is pleased to announce that it has awarded Kaitlyn Martin its prestigious Past Presidents' Legacy Scholarship for 2012.

Martin is pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at the Colorado School of Mines. With her primary focus on robotics, she sees enormous potential for robots to improve the hydropower industry, from reducing costs to improving operations.

"Kaitlyn's interest in improving the operation of hydropower facilities through advanced mechanical engineering is an exciting and important development that we in the hydropower industry welcome," said Church Ciocchi. "Giving students with fresh ideas for a growing industry the opportunity to succeed is exactly what we set out to do when we created the scholarship."

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 Ciocchi. "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 21<sup>st</sup> century."

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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