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### **New York Water Environment Association Recognizes Julia Boyne of State University at Albany with Outstanding Student Service Award**

**Syracuse, NY** – New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) honored Julia Boyne of State University of New York at Albany (UAlbany) with an Outstanding Student Service Award. The award is offered annually to recognize the involvement of a Student Member who promotes the New York Water Environment Association on the high school level, student chapter level, professional chapter level, Association or Federation level.

Boyne is finishing her junior year at UAlbany, pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental and Sustainable Engineering with a minor in Mathematics. She serves as president of the NYWEA Student Chapter at University at Albany and is a member of the Students for Sustainability club. She has held internships with MSK Engineers in Bennington, Vermont the past two summers where she worked with water quality data for lead waterline remediation, helped develop design basis reports, conducted survey work, and assisted with community engagement. She also worked as a part-time intern for the City of Albany Department of Water and Water Supply, completing inventory assessments of the city's existing lead water services. She currently serves on the City's Sustainability Advisory Committee, Water Subcommittee.

Boyne was instrumental in the launch of the UAlbany NYWEA Student chapter. Along with her classmates, she obtained approval for the student chapter from the State NYWEA Board along with the University's Student Organization. Boyne was also a recipient of the statewide NYWEA Student Chapter Scholarship for 2022.

Prior to her time at UAlbany, she graduated from Cambridge Central JuniorSenior High School with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. She was a member of the National Honor Society and recipient of the White Creek Democratic Award and the Wells College 21st century Leadership Award. She also gained research experience during her senior year of high school, working with Chris Callahan, extension associate professor of agricultural engineering at the University of Vermont, on a project using a Raspberry Pi computer and a script coded in Python to increase precision in gathering data for two septic pumps in the business district of the Village of Cambridge, New York.

**About NYWEA:** Founded in 1929 by professionals in the field of water quality as a nonprofit educational organization, NYWEA has 2,500 members statewide and hosts several technical conferences each year for environmental engineers, scientists, water resource recovery operators, public officials and others who work in water and wastewater quality management. In addition, NYWEA sponsors a scholarship program, publishes *Clear Waters* – a quarterly educational magazine, administers wastewater operator training and certification, and supports humanitarian clean water projects. Headquartered in Syracuse, NYWEA has seven regional chapters, 15 college student chapters and is a Member Association of the international Water Environment Federation. For more information, please visit [www.nywea.org](http://www.nywea.org).



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