



Media Advisory

Erin Keene, Ed W. Clark High School, Las Vegas, NV recognized for the Youth Energy Leadership Award.

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Manassas, Virginia – The NEED Project is pleased to announce the 2020 recipient of the Youth Energy Leadership Award to Erin Keene of Ed W. Clark High School (Clark County) in Las Vegas, Nevada!

The Youth Energy Leadership Award was created by NEED's Board of Directors to recognize students who go above and beyond in their pursuit of energy knowledge and the teaching of others. This prestigious award is designed to honor students demonstrating effective leadership skills and energy knowledge throughout their association with NEED.

NEED congratulates Erin Keene of Ed W. Clark High School in Las Vegas, Nevada on receiving the 2020 Youth Energy Leadership Award. This award includes a \$1,500 scholarship to be used for post-high school educational plans. This fall, Erin plans to major in computer science and engineering at The Ohio State University.

Erin describes how energy knowledge learned through NEED was important to her future plans, "My energy education began in elementary school and is continuing as I begin college. My experience working at the NEED Youth Awards has taught me how to work with others to solve practical problems and take initiative. NEED has shown me the importance of accurate and timely data, which connects directly to my future in computer science and engineering. I am most interested in how data analysis can reduce resource waste and combat environmental destruction".

Her AP biology teacher, Gabriele Ward, describes Erin as passionate, motivated and a dedicated goal setter. This is quite evident when you look at all the academic, extracurricular and community involvement that Erin is a part of. She is in the top 10% of her graduating class, a member of the rigorous Academy for Math, Science, Arts and Technology and holds offices of vice president and platform captain in speech and debate at school. With over eleven years being involved in Girl Scouts, her troop this year focused on environmental justice, hoping to make water conservation and land recycling laws and information more available in her local region. She's also a Youth Advisor for the Southern Nevada Water Association where she was able to bridge water services in her community and the creation of educational tools students receive on the water treatment process and the water cycle.

Erin has served on the NEED Youth Staff the past four years bringing her many talents to the Youth Energy Conference & Awards program. Her skillset, kindness, and willingness to lend a helping hand wherever needed help make our annual event a success. We are very honored to have Erin as an integral part of the NEED family.

For more information about the NEED Project and the Youth Energy Leadership Award, please contact Mary E. Spruill at (703) 257-1117 or mspruill@need.org.

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