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York Water District awards Josiah Chase Clean Water Scholarship

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YORK, Maine — York Water District is pleased to announce John “Win” Remick of York has been selected as the third annual recipient of the Josiah Chase Clean Water Scholarship Award. John is pursuing a degree in Environmental Science from the University of Tampa. His dedication to the outdoors and interest in protection of our natural resources make him a clear fit for this scholarship.

The Josiah Chase Clean Water Scholarship was created to attract young professionals to a career in or related to the drinking water industry, helping to offset the employment gap created by the current aging industry workforce. The scholarship is entirely funded by York Water District’s conservation forestry program. This program manages and sustainably harvests timber on an 1,800-acre certified tree farm surrounding York Water District’s only water supply, Chase’s Pond.

Josiah Chase (1840-1928) was a Maine environmentalist, lawyer and legislator who was the moving spirit and controlling factor in the development of the public water supply, first known as the York Shore Water Company, now known as the York Water District. Josiah Chase was the first president of the company organized in 1895 and remained in that capacity until his death in 1928. He is credited with conserving much of the land surrounding Chase’s Pond to protect its excellent water quality and readily available source for municipal and domestic purposes in the Town of York. His devotion to creating a safe public water supply system while protecting the source is why the York Water District continues to provide the Town of York with safe, clean, reliable drinking water every day.