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American Water Announces Recipients of James LaFrankie Scholarship Awards

American Water Board of Directors Honors Nine Students Nationwide for Scholastic Achievement

Voorhees, N.J. (June 17, 2008) – American Water, the largest investor-owned U.S. water and wastewater utility company, today announced recipients of the 17th annual James V. LaFrankie Scholarship Awards. The awards were distributed nationwide to college-bound children of full-time American Water employees who demonstrate an interest in water-related industry occupational fields.

Out of 89 applicants (a 22 percent increase from 2007), American Water selected nine high school seniors based on their outstanding high school records, academic honors, participation in extracurricular activities and teacher recommendations. The scholarships are awarded for a term of one year in individual awards of \$1,000. Scholarship renewal is contingent upon the student's academic progress and may be renewed up to three years.

The American Water Board of Directors established the scholarship program in 1991 in honor of former American Water president, James LaFrankie. LaFrankie demonstrated the value he placed on college education by earning a degree at Georgetown University night school while working days at the Alexandria Virginia Water Company, now known as Virginia American Water. Since then, LaFrankie excelled, climbing the ladder to increasingly responsible positions over his 44-year career with American Water, retiring as the company's president in 1991.

Current President and Chief Executive Officer Don Correll will send a personal letter to each recipient, congratulating them on their accomplishment. "American Water congratulates these students for their academic excellence and overall achievement," said Correll. "They should be very proud of themselves and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors."

The complete list of winners and their parent's work location is as follows:

- Tiffany Becker -- Scranton, Pa.
- Jack Henry Lucas -- McMurray, Pa.
- Anne Ratermann -- St. Louis, Mo.
- Andrew Reilly -- Mt. Laurel, N.J.
- Gennarina Riso -- Monterey, Calif.
- Rachel Roy -- Alton, Ill.
- Brittany Scanlon -- Belleville, Ill.
- Emily Sewell -- Scranton, Pa.
- Hannah Shadrick -- Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Founded in 1886, American Water is the largest investor-owned U.S. water and wastewater utility company. Headquartered in Voorhees, N.J., the company employs nearly 7,000 dedicated professionals who provide drinking water, wastewater and other related services to approximately 15.6 million people in 32 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting www.amwater.com.

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