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A NOTE FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR:
As I reflect on 2018, I can't help but feel excitement for all the Hydropower Research Foundation has accomplished in nearly 25 years of service and how much we will continue to accomplish in 2019 and the years to come! The word accomplishment is defined as "planned objectives successfully achieved."

We have planned objectives that can only be achieved with the continued support of our members, board members, university partners, sponsors and hydro fan club. For that we say, thank you!

We will continue to serve the hydro-power community with our planned objectives in mind and with a goal of achieving for not only our own success but that of the industry, universities and hydro friends.

"I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: The only ones among you who will be truly happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

- Albert Schweitzer

Happy New Year,

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RESEARCH AWARDS PROGRAM COMES TO A CLOSE
Eight Years of Success

It is with the deepest amount of gratitude that the Hydro Research Foundation thanks the Department of Energy for the opportunity to take two grants and build the successful Fellowship Program and then the Research Awards Program!

This RAP sought to provide competitively awarded hydropower-related graduate-level research awards. The intent of the RAP was to support beneficial, innovative research related to conventional or pumped-storage hydropower. It also sought to stimulate interest among students and universities in this research arena and provide students with a foundation for productive careers within the hydropower industry.

The outcome was 76 research findings with 100% of proposed research completed. In addition, 87% of students chose to either join the hydropower industry or continue their hydropower related research at their universities. These research findings advanced the understanding of pressing research topics within the hydropower industry and met the objective of the funding. This research can be found at https://www.hydrofoundation.org/research-results.html.

An ancillary benefit the program identified through this DOE funding was, not only did 154 students and advisors work on hydropower within the academia space, but now there are more professors and students teaching hydropower at the university level. The program saw an addition of 23 new professors, teaching assistants, and graduate researchers continuing to simulate interest in hydropower. Another interesting outcome is that during this 8 years of grant funding, the program saw alumni of the predecessor program, who are now professors, who went through the RAP with their students.

The funding clearly reached many sectors of the industry to provide helpful work and continue building hydropower’s next generation of innovation and workforce. The Foundation has established a broad network of universities interested and engaged in hydropower. The work was supported by the hydropower industry through donations of meeting space, conference registrations, in-kind contributions, mentorship and support of students.
The Foundation will do its best to bring about more programs like the Research Awards Program in the future so as to continue growing the hydropower industry. Thank you to all who have supported this program and made it truly successful!

DISCOVERING THE NEW GENERATION OF HYDROPOWER TALENT

FEBRUARY 20, 2019
NORTHWEST HYDROELECTRIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Hiring for Hydro brings together over 80 students from over 14 colleges in the Pacific Northwest to participate in an educational workshop about careers in hydropower to be followed by a special recruiting session. This event was established to address the hiring needs of the industry, build academic interest at the college level and create a strong conduit between industry and regional schools.

Participate as a Student

Participate as a Hiring Business

HYDRO PEP RALLY 2019!
We're celebrating the Hydropower industry by recognizing hydro individuals making a difference in the field. Please nominate your favorite hydro professional today! Nominations are due by February 1, 2019.

READ MORE

Make a Nomination & Register to Attend

JULIE A. KEIL WOMEN IN HYDRO SCHOLARSHIP

In 2015, the hydro engineering industry lost a long-time colleague and friend, Julie A. Keil. Julie was a mentor to many in the industry and will long be remembered for her contributions to the industry. Her passionate efforts to balance the interests of the hydropower community with the innovative environmental protection and enhancement programs will have a positive impact on the industry for many years to come.

To read more about Julie, her life, and many accomplishments, click here.

In the fall of 2015, the Northwest Hydro Electric Association solicited donations to fund a scholarship in Julie’s memory, with the support of Julie’s family and colleagues. The Julie A. Keil Women in Hydro Scholarship Fund will provide:

- An education scholarship program for women enrolled in an accredited college or university and majoring in a discipline relevant to entering the hydropower industry. The scholarship will be based...
Grants to women who plan to enter the hydropower industry to assist in expenses to attend industry events.

Scholarship Application

THE HYDRO EVENTS CALENDAR

February 20, 2019  Hiring for Hydro  Portland, OR
April 1, 2019  Hydropower Pep Rally  Washington, D.C.
May 20 -23, 2019  Hydro Think Tank  Niskayuna, NY
June 5, 2019  NE Hiring for Hydro  Boston, MA
July 23, 2019  Turbine Runner 5K  Portland, OR
July 24, 2019  Hydro Celebration Dinner  Portland, OR

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