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JOCELYN BILKER AWARDED AMS/NAVAL WEATHER SERVICE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

AUGUST 2024, BOSTON, MA – Jocelyn Bilker, whose parent is Caryn Stivelman, of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, has been awarded the 2024 AMS/Naval Weather Service Association Scholarship. Bilker is a graduate of Upper Merion Area High School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in meteorology and atmospheric science at The Pennsylvania State University.

The AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship is intended to encourage outstanding high school students to pursue careers in the atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. The scholarships are sponsored by industry and through the support of AMS members. Eight freshman scholarships have been awarded this year. Awards are based on academic merit, faculty recommendations, and a written essay that demonstrates their desire to enter an atmospheric or related sciences academic program. The award is \$2,500 for a nine-month period in the freshman year and an additional \$2,500 for a nine-month period in the sophomore year, based on performance in the first year.

The Naval Weather Service Association (NWSA) is an association of Naval Officers, Enlisted Men and Women and Civilians who have provided Meteorological, Oceanographic and Numerical Predictions services to the United State Navy as well as all other Military Services. The membership consists predominantly of current and former meteorological specialists (Aerographer's Mates), Meteorologists & Oceanographers, Computer Scientists and Academics. The NWSA was formed in August, 1976 in order to preserve friendships beyond active service and sustain an ongoing relationship with active duty members of the Naval Meteorological and Oceanography Command.

About AMS

Founded in 1919, AMS is the leading voice in promoting and advancing the atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. We are committed to supporting and strengthening the weather, water, and climate community to ensure society fully benefits from scientific education, research, and understanding.

Headquartered in Boston, with an office in Washington DC, AMS has more than 13,000 members, including researchers, scientists, broadcasters, educators, and other professionals, as well as students and weather enthusiasts. AMS publishes books, textbooks, and monographs as well as more than 2,000 articles annually across 11 peer-reviewed scientific journals. AMS set the standard for broadcast meteorologist certification in 1957, and today more than 1,500 broadcasters and consultants are AMS certified. Each year, AMS holds 8 to 12 specialty meetings and an Annual Meeting that draws more than 4,000 attendees. AMS helps inform policy makers of the latest scientific understanding and high-impact research and promotes Earth Science literacy through initiatives for K–12 teachers and undergraduate institutions across the country.