Say hello to Brittney Kovary, our April Spotlight Member. Brittney is a Project Engineer at Suez Water in Toms River and has recently received her PE license in the state of NJ. She is active in the Young Professionals committee where she is actively engaged in partnering with other organizations and has interests in event planning. She has been an AWWA Member since 2017. In 2018 she was the recipient of the NJ Alliance for Action’s Distinguished Engineering Award for optimizing flushing operations with the use of a hydraulic model.

Why did you decide to go into the field of water?

I studied Mechanical Engineering, although would have preferred to study Civil Engineering if my university had offered it. Early on in my engineering studies I knew I wanted to work on Infrastructure and use my skills to make a difference. Water impacts everyone and every living thing and I couldn’t imagine a better way to help make the world a better place.

How did you become a volunteer for AWWA? What motivates you to be active in the Section?

I was introduced to the Young Professionals at the 2018 annual conference. The NJ Section is filled with remarkable individuals that keep me inspired and the more I get involved the more motivated I am to be active. I have made new connections within the industry that will be great for my career, but more importantly I have made new friends.

How long have you been an AWWA member and what have you gotten from your membership?

I moved to NJ from NY and started working for Suez Water in 2016. Shortly after, I became a member of the AWWA NJ Section where I have met amazing people that I look up to as role models. I hope to gain their professional knowledge and become a great leader in the industry. Networking with other members has allowed me to discover innovative solutions and improve upon my current projects.

Hobbies and outside interests?

I love to play soccer, snowboard in the winter and go to the beach in the summer, but more recently I have taken up an interest in gardening. I have a greenhouse and a garden in my backyard where I grow all different types of organic vegetables. I participate in seed swaps and love to grow something new every year.

What legacy would you like to leave behind?

I hope to inspire a new generation to be more water conscious. Not enough people understand what it takes to get water to your sink faucet. They think it should be free, but try telling that to the millions without access to clean water. I hope to not only make a positive impact in the water industry, but for the environment as well. Protecting the environment is the only way we will secure clean water sources for generations to come.