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RWU senior Kathleen Kiely shares photos and video from her climb atop Portsmouth Abbey’s 660kW wind turbine, and her research into wind turbines

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Ever wonder what it might be like to stand atop one of the wind turbines that dot the New England skyline these days? Take an inside look into a 660kW wind turbine with Roger Williams University senior Kathleen Kiely, who climbed to the summit of the 164-foot-tall Vestas turbine at Portsmouth Abbey as part of a senior thesis on wind energy.

After telling highlights of the climb to RWU Magazine, the media communication major shares here more photos and video of her experience and her research paper.

Read Kathleen’s research on wind energy and “The Climb,” her account of scaling Portsmouth Abbey’s wind turbine.

Get an idea of what it’s like to stand in the gusting wind atop a turbine and see 360 degrees around you with Kiely’s video below.