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Featured above: Nolin RECC Service Technician
Steve Allen, 28 years of service

Comments from the President and CEO

Washington Youth Tour provides students a road to self-discovery

For many teens, the Rural Electric Youth Tour is full of “firsts.” It may be the first time they left the state, traveled on a chartered bus, visited the nation’s capital or have been away from their family for an extended period of time. Perhaps the most important “firsts” are seeing and experiencing the larger world through their own eyes, rather than through their parents’ perspectives.

The five local teens featured on the cover of this month’s *Kentucky Living* magazine experienced a “first” in June of this year. These bright and ambitious students are your 2018 Nolin RECC Washington Youth Tour delegates and they competed with other local youth to earn a free trip to Washington, D.C., for the 54th Annual Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.

In preparation for Youth Tour, teens learn about cooperatives, our history and grassroots advocacy. Youth Tour sprang from a suggestion of then-Senator Lyndon Johnson to a national gathering of co-ops. Johnson felt youth from rural areas would benefit by visiting Washington to see first-hand how government works and gain greater knowledge through personal experience. From this idea, Youth Tour evolved. High school juniors selected by their electric co-ops participate in a weeklong trip to the nation’s capital. Throughout the years, the program has grown

tremendously – this year more than 1,800 high school juniors participated from co-ops in 44 states. Our state typically sends a delegation of 90-100 students.

The week includes visits to many D.C. monuments and sites, including Capitol Hill. Activities with Youth Tour delegations from across the country enable teens to meet a broad spectrum of co-op kids. Our program creates a safe space for teens to discover the adults they are striving to be. Teens leave behind their hometown identity and venture forward with a fresh slate. Students are encouraged to stretch themselves by talking to those they wouldn’t ordinarily interact with.

A highlight of Youth Tour includes a meeting with our congressional delegation. Teens learn firsthand that their elected officials work for their

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The Nolin RECC Washington Youth Tour students pose for a photo inside the Washington National Cathedral. From left are Lily Vowels, Janece Harrington, Garrett Bowman, Emma Ingalls and Summer Mohamed.



A Future Investment

Introducing Nolin RECC 2018 Scholarship Recipients

Eight local students are attending college this fall with a little help from Nolin RECC. This year, Nolin awarded \$13,000 in college scholarships to students whose parents or legal guardians are members of the cooperative. Included in those awards is a scholarship recipient who is

returning to school after spending time away from the classroom. Recipients may use the funds at any college or vocational school of their choice.

Thanks to all those who took time to submit scholarship applications. There are so many outstanding students in our community, and Nolin

RECC recognizes your hard work and accomplishments!

The 2018 Nolin RECC scholarship recipients are Nicole Berry, Courtney Brangers, Katrina Ingalls, Emilee Rayls, Keeley Slade, Benjamin Thomas, Brittany Thomas and Alyssa White.



Nicole Berry is the recipient of Nolin's continuing education scholarship. She is employed by Mortenson Family Dental as a dental hygienist and is currently enrolled at Elizabethtown Community & Technical College pursuing a degree in nursing. Nicole and her husband, Robert, live in Elizabethtown and have three children.



Courtney Brangers is a graduate of Elizabethtown High School and will attend Western Kentucky University to earn a degree in education. Her parents are Chris and Christa Brangers of Elizabethtown.



Katrina Ingalls is the daughter of David and Jody Ingalls of Rineyville. She graduated from Castle Hill Academy Home School and plans to begin her major in journalism at Bryan College this fall.



Emilee Rayls is a recent graduate of North Hardin High School and is enrolled at Eastern Kentucky University to begin her studies in business. She is the daughter of Harvey Rayls Jr. and Kimberly Rayls of Vine Grove.

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hometown community. Youth Tour ends with a farewell evening featuring national co-op partner organizations from the financial and insurance sectors and NRECA International, an organization bringing electricity to rural areas in developing countries. The evening centers on challenging and inspiring teens to make an impact in their communities.

Traditionally our local Youth Tour delegation returns home with a broader sense of what community means to them. And of course they always look back with

fond memories of an educational, interesting and eventful week. Many make lifelong friends. For a few, Youth Tour is a transformational experience. Parents remark how their child returned noticeably different—more mature, more confident with bigger goals and aspirations; they have a sense of purpose.

Youth Tour is one of the most important programs that Nolin RECC sponsors. We are always impressed by the caliber of students that our co-op sponsors. Our teens are our future, and it's looking brighter every day. I hope you will consider urging your teen to participate in this remarkable program next year.

For more information about the Youth Tour program, contact us at www.nolinrecc.com or call the office at (270) 765-6153.

Applications for the 2019 Nolin RECC Scholarship will be available in February.



Keeley Slade is a 2018 graduate of John Hardin High School and plans to attend J. B. Speed School of Engineering. The daughter of David Slade, Keeley will be working toward a degree in mechanical engineering.



Benjamin Thomas, a recent graduate of Central Hardin High School, will begin his studies in agriculture at Elizabethtown Community & Technical College with the intent of transferring to Western Kentucky University. His parents are Kevin and Dana Thomas of Elizabethtown.



Brittany Thomas was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 as tribute to a former Nolin RECC director, the late Robert C. "Bob" Wade, Sr. Brittany is a recent graduate of Central Hardin High School and is the daughter of Joe and Darlene Thomas. She plans to earn a degree in physical therapy.



Alyssa White is the daughter of David and Alana White of Sonora. She is a recent graduate of LaRue County High School and plans to attend Morehead State University to study music.

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If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be with Nolin RECC and you have questions about the call, hang up and call our office. Don't provide them information about your account or make a payment over the phone.

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Look up during the fall harvest

Farming is one of the nation's most hazardous occupations and many farm hazards are related to electricity. Nationally, about 35 farmers are electrocuted each year.

That's why it's so important to always be aware of your surroundings when driving any vehicle that could come in contact with overhead lines.

To be safe during harvest, look up and keep equipment at least 10 feet

away from power lines and utility structures. If you are harvesting corn or soybeans this fall, be especially careful that the grain spout stays well below and clear of any overhead lines.

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