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CEPA DIRECTORS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE *Credentialed Cooperative Director Certification*

Two directors of Central Electric Power Association recently received the Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

To earn the certification, each director must complete five courses designed to provide basic knowledge and skills required of cooperative board members. The curriculum includes Director Duties and Liabilities; Understanding the Electric Business; Board Roles and Relationships; Strategic Planning; and Financial Decision Making.

An ever-changing business environment has imposed new demands on electric cooperative directors, requiring increased knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills and a solid knowledge of the cooperative principles and business model. Central Electric has a commitment to work through the Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi and NRECA to sharpen this body of knowledge for the benefit of their electric cooperative consumer-owners.

Central Electric congratulates Kenneth Hagan and Jackie Harpole on their CCD Certification.



Kenneth Hagan, board of director serving Newton County



Jackie Harpole, board of director serving Leake County



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Cooperatives of Mississippi's 37th YOUTH TOUR



LEARN. GROW. EXPERIENCE.

EXPERIENCE is the third component in the Cooperative Youth Leaders program. Eighty-five rising high school seniors from across Mississippi traveled to Washington, D.C., to experience all facets of their nation's capital city.

They visited, for a full week in June, along with nearly 1,700 student leaders from 44 states for the 2024 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Tour.

The trip was the culmination of the students' participation in the Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi's leadership program, which instills leadership skills, inspires creative thinking, builds confidence in decision-making, and introduces students to lawmakers that represent their communities.

During a March workshop in Jackson, which is the GROW component of the program, the students had the opportunity to meet and hear from state legislators. During the trip to Washington, D.C., the students met and spoke with their U.S. senators — Roger Wicker and Cindy Hyde-Smith.

While in Washington, D.C., the students and adult chaperones visited historic sites, monuments, museums, and had an opportunity to learn about the impact electric cooperatives have on their communities.

The students also had an opportunity to tour the U.S. Capitol, sit on the floor of the House of Representatives, and visit the Library of Congress as guests of former U.S. Congressman Gregg Harper of Mississippi.

The students attended a Washington Nationals pro baseball game and had dinner during an evening cruise on the Potomac River.

The students were chosen in the fall of their junior year of high school through their local Cooperative University and interviews, where they LEARNed about their electric cooperative and the electric power industry.

The Cooperative Youth Leaders program is fully funded — including the trip to D.C. — by the local electric co-ops as a commitment to molding future leaders for Mississippi, so they can impact the state and local communities.



SUNDAY, JUNE 16
EINSTEIN MEMORIAL



TUESDAY, JUNE 18
THE WHITE HOUSE



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19
U.S. CAPITOL STEPS



THURSDAY, JUNE 20
THE KENNEDY CENTER



FRIDAY, JUNE 21
WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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Our tour of the Capitol with former Congressman Gregg Harper made me more motivated to pursue my dreams. My Youth Tour experience was transformative and inspiring. – Katie Sockey

ABREALE LEFLORE
LEAKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

MITCH PUCKLITSCH
LEAKE ACADEMY

KATIE SOCKEY
LEAKE ACADEMY

ECM FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi Foundation was created by the electric cooperatives of Mississippi in 2005. In an effort to give back to the communities they serve, the Foundation provides scholarships for post-secondary and vocational education to accredited institutions for qualifying high school seniors. For the fall of 2024, the Foundation awarded scholarships to dependents of employees of participating electric cooperatives. Six Central Electric employees' children who are entering college this fall were awarded the ECM Foundation Scholarships. Central Electric wants to congratulate each recipient on receiving this scholarship.



Dalton Graham,
Newton County High School

Dalton Graham is the son of Christina Graham and Pete and Yancy Graham. He is a graduate of Newton County High School. Dalton enjoys hunting, fishing, baseball, and golf. He plans to attend Pearl River Community College to pursue a business degree. Dalton plans to play baseball throughout college.



Cary Wilkinson,
Union High School

Cary Wilkinson is the daughter of Andy and Leann Wilkinson. She is a graduate of Union High School. Cary's love for her family and her church inspired her to want to pursue an education career to create a safe place for future students. Cary plans to attend Southwest Mississippi Community College where she will be a cheerleader and pursue a degree in elementary education.



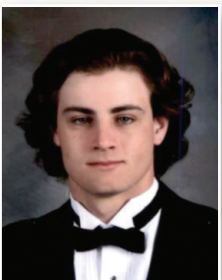
Carrington Dexter Myrick,
Velma Jackson High School

Carrington Dexter Myrick is the son of Dexter and Felicia Myrick. He is a graduate of Velma Jackson High School. Carrington enjoys football, track, and bowling. He plans to attend Holmes Community College and Mississippi State University to pursue an accounting degree.



Lakynn Kelly Pickett,
Neshoba Central High School

Lakynn Kelly Pickett is the daughter of Darrin and Lynda Pickett. She is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. Lakynn enjoys performing in theatre and drama, spending time with her family and friends, and fishing with her dad. She plans to attend East Central Community College where she will be part of the band, chorus, theatre, and captain of the color guard. Lakynn will further her education at a university to pursue a degree in music, arts, and acting.



John Michael Donovan II,
Leake Academy

John Michael Donovan II is the son of Mike and Ginger Donovan. He is a graduate of Leake Academy where he was on the baseball and football teams. John Michael enjoys hunting, fishing, and fitness training. He plans to attend East Central Community College to pursue a degree in the electrical industry.



Meah Pinter,
Leake Academy

Meah Pinter is the daughter of Martin and Shay Pinter. She is a graduate of Leake Academy. Meah enjoys riding horses and making beaded jewelry. She plans to attend the University of West Alabama on a rodeo scholarship and pursue a degree in nursing.