

COLUMBUS' CURRENTS

CEC Awards 20 Scholarships

Among electric cooperatives there is a time honored tradition of giving. From the dawn of the electric cooperative movement it was all about neighbors helping neighbors.



2018

In keeping with this tradition, the Board of Trustees at their March meeting awarded 20 scholarships to the following recipients: Dallas Pompeo; Holly Freeman; Rayce Wagley; Tiana M Gibson; Shannon Choate; Jade Massey; Heather Klump; Esmeralda Munoz; Brandy Roark; Taran Roth; Oscar Urrea; Patrick Lasher; Ariadna Armendariz; Rhylee Carrell; Lewis Espinosa; Britney Gibson; Elizabeth Mendoza; Nayeli Vazquez; Adylene Lopez and Mattilyn Wiseman. Two scholarships were funded by our power supplier Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association and one scholarship was provided courtesy of our associate membership with Basin Electric Power Cooperative. Scholarships are \$500 per semester per student. Congratulations to the Scholarship recipients and to the graduating class of 2018.

Scholarship applicants must be either an active member or of the

immediate family of an active member pursuing higher education at a four-year college or university or community college or vocational/technical school. Scholarships are available to graduating high school students as well as non-traditional students.

Scholarships are funded through escheat monies. These are unclaimed capital credits or deposits that prior to the establishment of the fund were turned over to the respective states. Members assist in funding the "Operation Round Up" program have their electric bill rounded up to the nearest dollar each month and those monies are deposited into the Scholarship Fund. Call the Co-op office to join in this effort.

Two of our core principles are put into action through the scholarship program: Education, Training and Information, and Concern for Community. Giving educational opportunities to members of the communities we serve helps families who might otherwise struggle to pay for their education. Giving more people the opportunity to take advantage of higher education strengthens the fabric of our local communities. For Columbus Electric that's a win-win situation. We realize that the health of the cooperative is inextricably tied to the well-being of the community. So grows the community, so grows the cooperative.

CEC 2018 Color Contest Winners



Congratulations to our students from across the service area.

*“Remember, always fly kites, model airplanes, and drones in a wide open field-
never near overhead power lines”*

Overall: Haley Elias – Animas Elementary

1st place: Alma Cardoza – Columbus Elementary

1st place: Kimber Rudiger – Animas Elementary

2nd place: Sharon Rodriguez – Ruben S. Torres Elementary

2nd place: Scarlett Laupola – Animas Elementary

3rd place: Yarityz Rubio – Columbus Elementary

3rd place: Jake Dalton Johannes – Animas Elementary

Let's congratulate this year's winners!

Annual Meeting \$25 Joke Contest Winner

The Anniversary

Ed was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really angry. She told him, “Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in less than 6 seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE!!”

The next morning Ed got up early and left for work. When his wife woke, she looked out the window and sure enough there was a gift-wrapped box in the middle of the driveway. Confused, she put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, and brought the box back in the house. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale.

Ed has been missing since Friday. Please pray for him!

Mona Baker

Youth Tour to Travel in June



Brenda Elias of Animas, NM and Adylene Lopez of Columbus, NM will be traveling with the Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. in June. We are excited about the opportunity given to Brenda and Adylene and wish them safe travels.

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