

# Wake ElectriConnection

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## Wake Electric Earns Safety Accreditation Award

**W**ake Electric, headquartered in Wake Forest, has received national recognition for its comprehensive safety program.

The Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Program, which recognized Wake Electric's achievement in safety, is one of a few programs in the country that provide a management tool for continuous safety and loss control assessment specific to electric utilities. The program was founded in 1967.

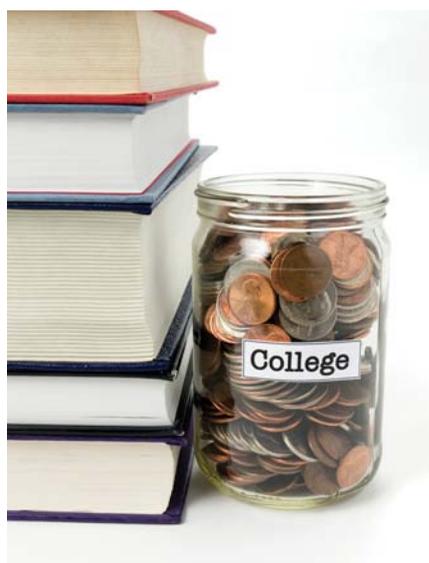
The safety accreditation certificate, the eleventh to be awarded to the cooperative, was recently presented to Wake Electric's Chief Operating Officer and Assistant General Manager, Phil Price, at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC) in Raleigh.

NCAEC is the trade association for North Carolina's electric cooperatives, a network of electric cooperative organizations that provide reliable, safe and affordable electric service to more than 950,000 homes, farms and businesses in North Carolina. North Carolina's electric cooperatives consist of 26 electric co-ops throughout the state. Each is member-owned, not-for-profit and overseen by a board of directors elected by the membership.



## Local Students Win Scholarships from Wake Electric Program

**W**ake Electric has awarded 17 college scholarships totaling \$22,000 to local students. The co-op congratulates each of these students on this fine accomplishment.



The \$2,000 Fred M. Alford Memorial Scholarship is awarded to Kenan Lee Wilkinson Drum of North Raleigh Christian Academy. The Touchstone Energy Scholarship winners (\$1,250 each) are:

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Betsy Ann Dickerson of J.F. Webb School of Health and Life Sciences  
Cody Marshall Tuck of South Granville High School  
Caroline Elizabeth Kelly of Wakefield High School  
Ashley Nicole Cannady of Franklinton High School  
Melanie Dawn McCaskey of Wake Forest-Rolesville High School  
April Nicole Williford of East Wake Arts, Education and Global Studies  
Megan Camille Crayton of UNC Wilmington  
Erin Paisley Davis of Louisburg High School  
Emily Caroline Connelly of Wake Forest-Rolesville High School  
April Rogers of NC Central University  
Ashlee Hannah Baucom of Campbell University  
Kelly Renee Hughes of Fleming Forest Christian School  
Rebekah Marie Ambrose of North Johnston High School  
Tully L. Erwin of Tabernacle Christian Academy  
Lindsay Tippett of North Johnston High School  
Christopher Ryan Phipps of Franklin Academy

*Funding for scholarships is made possible by Wake Electric members and Wake Electric employees through the Operation RoundUp Program. For more information on the scholarship program, visit [www.wemc.com/scholarships.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/scholarships.aspx).*

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# 2011 Rural Electric Youth Tour Winners Announced



Elizabeth Hester  
of Oxford, NC



Zachary Diamond  
of Cary, NC

High school juniors Elizabeth Hester of Oxford, NC, and Zachary Diamond of Cary, NC, have been selected by Wake Electric to attend the 2011 Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. this June. Hester, 17, is a student at the North Carolina School of Science and Math and is the daughter of James and Lan Hester. Diamond, also 17, attends Athens Drive High School and is the son of Jay and Pamela Diamond. Hester and Diamond will join 1,500 high school students from across the U.S. to learn about electric cooperatives, American history and the United States government. Youth Tour participants will also visit historic sites, including the White House, and meet with their congressional leaders. The trip will be from June 11–17, 2011.

For more information, visit [www.wemc.com/youthtours.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/youthtours.aspx). The Youth Tour is funded through voluntary member and employee donations through the Operation RoundUp program at Wake Electric.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP Check Your Window A/C Unit

Does your home have a window air conditioner? Make sure that your window unit is properly weather stripped, and clean the filter monthly. Keep "fresh air" vents on window A/C units closed.

Source: Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives



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## Operation RoundUp Grant Winner for First Quarter Announced

Wake Electric awarded one Operation RoundUp grant to a deserving nonprofit organization during the first quarter of 2011. St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church of Oxford, NC, was awarded a grant in the amount of \$400 to provide funding for snacks for the church's various programs.

Nonprofit agencies located in counties that Wake Electric serves, which include Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Wake and Vance counties, are eligible to apply. The agency does not have to be a member of Wake Electric.



Grants are open to all project and subject areas that enhance economic infrastructure and job creation, promote service or charitable organizations, and meet emergency needs of individuals within the service area of Wake Electric.

The next deadline for Operation RoundUp grant applications is **Friday, June 10, 2011 at 5 p.m.** A simple and convenient downloadable application can be found at [www.wemc.com/oproundup.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/oproundup.aspx).

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## 2011 Touchstone Energy Sports Camps Winners

Wake Electric is proud to announce its 2011 Touchstone Energy Sports Camps scholarship winners.

William Jacob "Jake" Powell of Cary, NC and Daniel R. Blackmond II of Wake Forest, NC, have been selected by Wake Electric to attend the Roy Williams Basketball Camp at UNC-Chapel Hill this June on full scholarships. Powell is a student at Dillard Drive Middle School and is the son of Robby and Jan Powell. Blackmond attends Magellan Charter School and is the son of Holly and Daniel Blackmond.

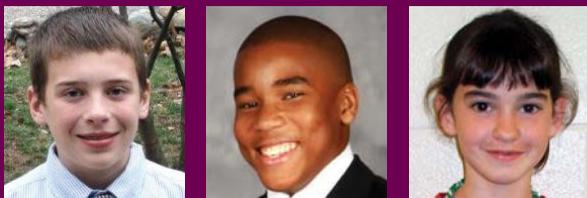
Amanda Dean of Louisburg, NC, has been selected by the co-op to attend the Kellie Harper Basketball Camp at NC State University on a full scholarship this July. Dean is a student at Bunn Middle School and is the daughter of Spencer and Cindy Dean.

Applicants were judged on their academic achievements, extracurricular activities and an essay.

For more information on the Touchstone Energy Sports Camps program, visit [www.wemc.com/basketball.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/basketball.aspx).

The staff of the Kellie Harper Basketball Academy includes championship-winning head coach Kellie Harper, who joined the Wolfpack women two years ago from Western Carolina University, and current N.C. State Women's basketball players. The Roy Williams Camp is led by two-time NCAA National Championship coach Roy Williams and current and past UNC Tar Heel basketball players. Both camps will work closely with each camper to assist with the development of fundamental basketball skills and motivate students to set and achieve goals.

Awarding Touchstone Energy Sports Camps scholarships is another example of Wake Electric's commitment to local communities.



**Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners (l to r):**  
William Jacob "Jake" Powell of Cary, NC,  
Daniel R. Blackmond II of Wake Forest, NC and  
Amanda Dean of Louisburg, NC.



### "GIVE US AN A" DEADLINE IS IN JULY!

Students, don't forget to send us your report cards in time for the July 20 drawing for the Give Us an A Program! The co-op will award 40 U.S. Savings Bonds for \$50 each to area students who received

at least one "A" (or its equivalent) on their report cards. Students do not have to live in a household served by Wake Electric to be eligible to apply. For more information, please visit [www.wemc.com/giveusana.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/giveusana.aspx).

## Summer Vacation Coming Up Soon?

### Check out this Electrical Safety Checklist

Summer vacations are hard to pull off these days, so it's important that trip-takers have peace of mind while away. Fires can start when lightning storms strike electronics or small appliances; burglaries tend to increase because folks aren't at home.

The electrical safety checklist below will help you decrease the risk of problems occurring while on vacation:

- ★ Turn off all electrical appliances, including toaster ovens, stoves and curling irons.
- ★ Unplug television sets and computers; these items are especially susceptible to lightning and power surges.
- ★ Use a timer on indoor lights. Look for one that can be set to a random pattern rather than regular times throughout the day.
- ★ Install motion-detecting lights outdoors.
- ★ Set the thermostat to 80 degrees in the summer and 55 degrees in the winter if you plan to leave for an extended period of time.
- ★ Give your house key to a neighbor and make sure he or she has a phone number where you can be reached.

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*Source: National Sheriffs' Association*