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**ENERGYUNITED SELECTS THE 2016 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR WINNERS**

**STATESVILLE, N.C.**

High-school juniors Marcella Pansini of Mooresville, NC and Anisha Ponnapati of Charlotte, NC were selected by EnergyUnited to attend the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. in June 2016.

Pansini, 16, is a student at South Iredell High School. She is a member of Beta Club, National Honor Society as well as the National Spanish and Science Honor Societies. She sings in productions and has acted in various plays. She has also directed the play, "Terra Nova." Marcella is an award winning member of the Boys and Girls Club Teen Entrepreneur Program. She is also active in Youth Leadership Iredell, Model UN, People to People International and speaks three languages (English, Spanish and French).

Ponnapati, 15, is a student at Ardrey Kell High School in Charlotte, NC. She is a member of the National Social and Mathematics Honor Societies, and was awarded her pristine Girl Scout Silver Award. She also received her Silver Presidential Volunteer Service for outstanding volunteer service, presented by President Obama and the United States Congress.

The two students will join over 1,500 students from across the United States for a one-week all expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. While on the Youth Tour, Pansini and Ponnapati will learn about electric cooperatives, American history and the United States government. Youth Tour participants will also visit the historic sites of the nation's capital, as well as spend time with their congressional leaders. The trip will be from June 11-17, 2016.

For more information on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, visit [www.youthtour.coop](http://www.youthtour.coop).

**About EnergyUnited**

EnergyUnited EMC is the largest electric cooperative in North Carolina serving nearly a quarter million people through 124,000 metering points. Headquartered in Statesville, EnergyUnited provides electric service in portions of nineteen counties in west central North Carolina which include Alexander, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Wilkes and Yadkin.

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