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**ENERGYUNITED SELECTS 2017 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR WINNERS**

**STATESVILLE, N.C.**

High school juniors Brooke Blair of Thomasville, NC and Chetan Singalreddy of Mooresville, NC were selected by EnergyUnited to attend the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. in June 2017.

The program is open to high school juniors in EnergyUnited's 19 county service area. Participants must complete an application and write a letter to an elected official on a topic of their choice. A review committee identified the finalists and then a selection team interviewed the students asking them questions about their academic achievements, community involvement, volunteer experiences and the letter they wrote. There were a lot of outstanding applicants this year and EnergyUnited is pleased to announce our two winners.

Blair, 16, is a student at East Davidson High School in Thomasville. She is the Future Business Leaders of America regional public speaking champion, state qualifier and national competitor in Impromptu Speaking, 2016 Conference Champion in doubles tennis and was awarded for having the highest average in her Health Team Relations class. She has also served as president of Student Council for the past three years and is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and the Beta Club. Brooke volunteered over 100 hours at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital and also volunteers for the American Red Cross, Relay for Life and March of Dimes.

Singalreddy, 15, is a student at South Iredell High School in Statesville, NC. He is member of the Beta Club, National Honor Society and Iredell County Crosby Scholars. He has received a Choral Award and a National French Exam Honorable Mention. That same year, Chetan became a tournament champion at the SISA Spring Soccer Tournament. He is a volunteer at the Novant Huntersville Medical Center and the Lowe's YMCA and is also on track to receive the Presidential Volunteer Service Award on behalf of the Corporation for National & Community Service.

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, Blair and Singalreddy 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 and spend time with their congressional leaders. The trip will be from June 10-16, 2017.

For more information on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, visit

[www.energyunited.com/community-youth-programs/youth-tour/](http://www.energyunited.com/community-youth-programs/youth-tour/)

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