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**ENERGYUNITED SELECTS 2018 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR WINNERS**

**STATESVILLE, N.C.**

High schools sophomore, Kirsten Barker of Harmony, NC and junior, Maddie Love of Statesville, NC were selected by EnergyUnited to attend the 2018 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. in June.

The program is open to high school sophomores and juniors in EnergyUnited's 19 county service areas. 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.

Barker, 16, is a student at North Iredell High School in Olin, NC. She is member of the Beta Club, varsity cheerleading squad, member of the swim team, team captain of the North Iredell High School JV soccer team, class vice president and Iredell County Crosby Scholars participant. She also has multiple hours of community service.

Love, 17, is a student at South Iredell High School in Statesville, NC. She is member of the Beta Club, National Honor Society for English, Spanish and Science, an IB Middle Years Program graduate, a member of the UNC Chapel Hill Leadership program and is involved with the Pharmacy Innovators Program at Chapel Hill. Love also has 50+ hours of community service hours.

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, Barker and Love 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 9-15, 2018.

For more information on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, visit, [www.energyunited.com/youth-tour](http://www.energyunited.com/youth-tour).

**About EnergyUnited**

EnergyUnited Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) is the largest electric cooperative in North Carolina serving nearly 130,000 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. EnergyUnited Propane provides products and services to more than 25,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in 74 counties across North and South Carolina. Visit EnergyUnited online at [www.energyunited.com](http://www.energyunited.com) to learn more about our electric and propane businesses.