



# POWERLINES

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## Congratulations, High School Graduates!

**T**ri-State EMC would like to congratulate Bre Arp, Kaleb Green and Carter Mann, who will all be graduating from Fannin County High School in May.

Bre is the daughter of Tri-State EMC Line Technician Brian Arp and his wife, Bobbie Jane Arp. Kaleb is the son of Tri-State EMC Line Technician Chad Green and his wife, Kelley Green. Carter is the son of Tri-State EMC Equipment Operator Joel Mann and Leslie Jabaley Mann, and AJ and Jaime Petrillo.

### *Congratulations*

*on graduating and best wishes for your next adventure!*



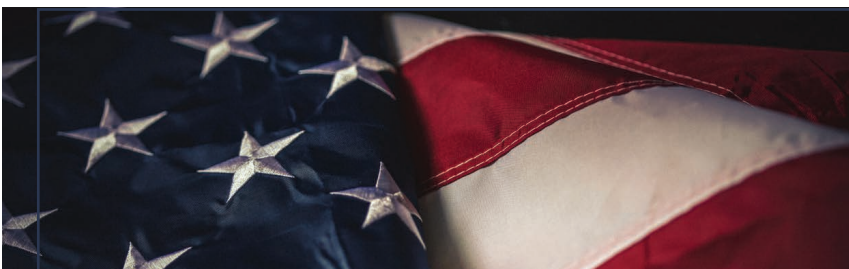
Bre Arp



Kaleb Green



Carter Mann



### ***Holiday Office Closing***

The Tri-State EMC office will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. This is a day of remembrance for those who died serving our nation.

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# 2022 Youth Leadership Summit



Pictured (l-r): McKenzie Chastain, a delegate from Fannin County High School; Tri-State EMC Human Resources Manager Chris Hulsey; and Krus Soto, a delegate from Copper Basin High School.

**M**ore than 45 high school juniors from across Tennessee were in Nashville March 21-23 for the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association's annual Youth Leadership Summit. Students were chosen by local schools and sponsored by Tri-State EMC.

Delegates at the event received a hands-on look at state government, learned networking and leadership skills, and developed a better understanding of their local electric cooperatives.

Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett welcomed the students to the Capitol, where they visited with legislators, sat in on committee meetings, and debated and voted on a mock bill.

In addition to meeting lawmakers and experiencing the state Capitol, students developed their leadership and team-building skills at the Joe C. Davis YMCA Outdoor Center at Camp Widjiwagen, where they completed a leadership training course with leadership expert Amy Gallimore and met Trooper Shane Moore and K-9 Officer Sumo from the Tennessee Executive Protection Detail. Students also spent a morning at Middle Tennessee Electric in Murfreesboro for a behind-the-scenes look at an electric cooperative.

"Meeting our state representatives was amazing," says McKenzie Chastain, a junior at Fannin County High School and a Youth Leadership Summit delegate from Tri-State EMC. "We've all learned so much. You can always grow, adapt and build leadership skills, and I am grateful for this opportunity. Please continue to do this for other young students."

Delegates at the Youth Leadership Summit are encouraged to be leaders and use their talents to improve rural Tennessee.

"The future is built on the investments we make today, and there is no greater investment that we can make than to prepare these young people to face the opportunities and challenges of tomorrow," says Todd Blocker, Vice President of Member Relations for the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association and Director of the Youth Leadership Summit. "These students are selected by their local schools, and they are truly the best and the brightest. The Youth Leadership Summit is an example of the many ways that electric co-ops are building a brighter Tennessee."

"One day these young people will be the leaders of our community, and in many ways they already are," says Tri-State EMC General Manager Stacy Chastain. "We hope they will continue to be a part of our area long after they finish their education, and that's why we want them to be prepared. Leadership is a skill that can be learned, and the future of our community depends on strong, well-prepared leaders. Programs like the Youth Leadership Summit are investments that will pay dividends long into the future, and it is an honor for Tri-State EMC to help prepare them for the opportunities that are ahead."