

COLUMBUS' CURRENTS

Students win trip to Washington, D.C.

The Columbus Electric Board of Trustees and staff are proud to announce that two high school seniors from Deming and Animas will be traveling to Washington, D.C. in June for one week to attend the NRECA Youth Tour sponsored by CEC.

Nearly 1,500 students from rural areas and small towns across America participate in the Youth Tour Program. Columbus Electric is proud to join over 38 states in sponsoring two students to the Youth Tour for the year 2018. The Youth Tour is organized around a central purpose: giving the future leaders in co-op communities a front-row seat to American government. These students will also experience history up close. They will meet the U.S. Representatives and Senators; explore museums, memorials and monuments with other students from Cooperatives around the Nation.

Adylene Lopez, a senior at Deming High School and Brenda Elias, a senior from Animas High have been selected to attend the one week, all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Students whose parents or guardians are active

members of Columbus Electric were given the opportunity to apply for the trip by submitting a complete application as well as meeting all the requirements to be eligible for the trip. All applicants were judged blindly and chosen based off the highest scores on the students essay topic: "Who is your Favorite United States President and Why?" and, "What characteristics or qualities do you consider most important in a leader?"

We are excited about the opportunity being given to Adylene and Brenda and hope that they will return with great experiences that will guide them in their journey through life.



Space Heater Safety Tips

Space heaters are a great way to warm specific rooms in your home without having to crank up the thermostat, but using space heaters doesn't come without risk! Use the tips below to keep your home safe.

DO: Plug your space heater directly into the wall outlet.

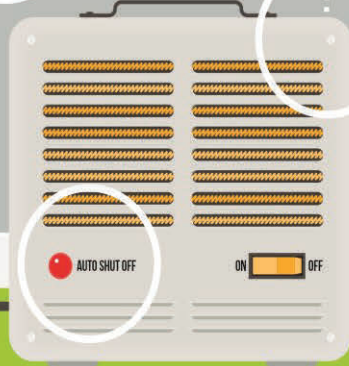


DO: Keep your space heater in low-moisture rooms.

DO: Keep your space heater at a safe distance (at least 3 feet) from kids, pets and flammable items.



DO: Buy a unit with an automatic shutoff in case the unit tips over, or you forget to shut it off.



DO: Always follow the directions and take a broken space heater to a qualified appliance service center.



DON'T: Leave your space heater unattended. Always unplug it before you leave the house or go to bed.



DON'T: Use an extension cord to plug in your space heater. It can cause the heater to overheat, and can be a tripping hazard.

DON'T: Place your space heater near curtains, clothing, furniture or bedding.



DON'T: Try to repair a broken space heater yourself.



DON'T: Put your space heater in your bathroom. The moisture can damage the unit, which could cause it to malfunction.

Scholarship Applications Now Available

Applications for Columbus Electric Cooperative's Education Foundation

Scholarships are now available.

Applications and scholarship requirements are available at the CEC office, High School counselors or, applications can be downloaded

from the co-op's website at

www.columbusco-op.org.

The deadline to return scholarship applications is Thursday, March 1, 2018.

For more information please contact Malarie Villegas at 1-800-950-2667



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