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Scholarship Winners Announced

SMPA Gives \$23,000 to Local Students for Higher Education

Congratulations to this year's San Miguel Power Association (SMPA), Tri-State, and Basin Electric scholarship recipients. SMPA awarded \$23,000 in scholarships this year to help local students pursue higher education. SMPA is proud to award the following scholarships to deserving graduating seniors within the co-op's service territory.

"Every year we have an amazing group of students apply for our scholarships, and this year was no exception," said SMPA CEO and General Manager, Brad Zaporski. "San Miguel Power sends out our thanks and appreciation to the parents and teachers in our service territory for their hard work shaping our future generations."



Alexa Gardner
Telluride High School
Tri-State G&T \$500
Scholarship



Samantha Scherner
Ridgway High School
Tri-State G&T \$500
Scholarship



Raquel Johnson
(Norwood High School)
Basin Electric \$1000
Scholarship



Taryn Sickels
SMPA Nucla High
School Vocational
\$2000 Scholarship



Jace Sinks
SMPA Norwood High
School Vocational
\$2000 Scholarship



William Gabriel
SMPA Nucla High
School \$2000
Scholarship



Owen Juell
SMPA Ridgway High
School \$2000 Scholarship



Cooper Rondinelli
SMPA Ouray High
School \$2000
Scholarship



Addison Davis
SMPA Paradox Valley
Charter School \$2000
Scholarship



Hamo Thorneycroft
SMPA Telluride
Mountain School
\$2000 Scholarship



Jessica Pack
SMPA Telluride
High School \$2000
Scholarship



Blaze Braford-lefebvre
SMPA Silverton High
School
\$2000 Scholarship



Zoey Truelock
SMPA Norwood High School \$2000 Scholarship &
Basin Electric \$1000 Scholarship

The Future Awaits SMPA Talks Career Options at Nucla High Career Expo

“OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, AMERICA’S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES WILL HIRE ABOUT 15,000 PEOPLE.”

That was SMPA Communications Executive, Alex Shelley’s response when asked by students at the 2019 Nucla High School Career Expo if he had any interesting facts about the field. “Our industry is facing a massive amount of retirements, and it behooves us to get new people in the field and learning before all that knowledge and experience walks out the door.” Shelley was one of 35 guests at the high school for the Career Expo in April.

The event, coordinated by the Nucla High School’s administration and the Colorado Workforce Center, is a

way to get middle and high school students thinking about viable career pathways as they get closer to graduation day. It is also a great way for local businesses, colleges and organizations to reach out to their future pool of applicants. “Considering that the number of participating vendors jumped from 20 last year, to 35 this year, I think the idea is catching on,” said Rich Parr, Business Service Rep. of the Colorado Workforce Center.

SMPA’s participation in the Career Expo is just one of the many offerings to local youth.



Have a Safe and Enjoyable

4th of July!

Our offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th. Basic services are always available at <https://smpa.smarthub.coop>



SMPA Representative, Alex Shelley looks on as a student attempts to thread a nut and bolt in class 3 rated rubber linework gloves. The “Lineman’s Challenge” was a way to get students engaged at the booth.

See www.smpa.com>>Community Programs>> Youth Programs for more.

Member Prepares to Take Board Seat

The 2019 Board Election is—in effect—over. In March, members of District #2 (parts of San Miguel and Ouray Counties including most of the town of Telluride) nominated one candidate... and that’s all.

At the SMPA Annual Meeting on June 6th, Telluride Resident, Kevin Cooney will be confirmed as the District #2 Board Representative.

Mr Cooney answered some questions:

What traits, skills or experiences do you have that qualify you to be a Board Representative?

First, I’d like to thank retiring board member Bob Justis for his 8 years of service to SMPA. I’m an engineer and have worked on clean energy issues for over 30 years. I built and managed a company that advised utilities and regulators on both supply and demand side investments. I currently serve on

the boards of EcoAction Partners and the Telluride Mountain Club.

What is the best way for us to “demonstrate corporate responsibility and community service while providing our members with safe, reliable, cost effective and environmentally responsible electrical service.” (SMPA Mission Statement)

We need to be strategic on our planning. Recent advancements in both renewable generation and energy storage mean we now can deliver electricity from environmentally friendly sources without compromising reliability or cost. To do so, we must prioritize resilient infrastructure investments. We can also serve our communities now by continuing to ramp up efficiency efforts, analyzing local renewable resources, and by creating opportunities for young people to be part of our energy future.

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