

JPEC student selected for national Youth Leadership Council

Grant Seaton's week in Washington, D.C., included a solemn honor at Arlington National Cemetery and a new leadership role representing Kentucky students nationwide.

Seaton, a senior at McCracken County High School, was selected as Kentucky's representative on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Leadership Council. He also helped represent the commonwealth during the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Seaton was one of four students sponsored by Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative on the 2026 Washington Youth Tour, joining McCracken County High School students Mason Clements and Jake Thaggard and Ballard Memorial student Lilly Reno on the weeklong experience coordinated by Kentucky Electric Cooperatives and NRECA.

"Meeting new friends from all across Kentucky and the nation made me realize that there are others like me

who want to lead and make connections," Seaton says. "This really helped me learn to grow out of my comfort zone."

Mallory Wafzig, the statewide association's manager of cooperative outreach, says Seaton is a strong choice to represent Kentucky.

"Grant is a humble leader who serves others with a kind heart and leads by example," Wafzig says. "His character, compassion and leadership potential make him an outstanding representative for Kentucky on the Youth Leadership Council."

The JPEC students joined Kentucky delegates for visits to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and George Washington's Mount Vernon before continuing to Washington, D.C., where they toured the U.S. Capitol, museums and memorials.

For Clements, one of the most meaningful stops was the Holocaust Museum.

"Getting to witness and read firsthand some of the victims' stories was very moving," Clements says, "I hope the Kentucky Youth Tour will continue to take kids there in the coming years."

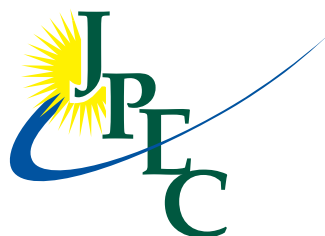
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Grant Seaton, in dark suit at rear, a senior at McCracken County High School, with three other youth tour delegates, present a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



McCracken County High School senior Mason Clements, left, joins fellow youth tour delegate Payton Hayden of West Kentucky RECC, on the 2026 Washington Youth Tour. Photos: Tim Webb



Employee Spotlight



JPEC welcomes Seth Burnett to the team as a full-time system engineer. Seth served as an intern with us since June 2023. Seth is from Graves County, enjoys golfing and spending time with family, friends and his two mini-Australian shepherds. He is a recent graduate of the University of Kentucky with a degree in mechanical engineering. Seth is excited to be JPEC's systems engineer, utilizing his passion for engineering and innovation to aid JPEC in providing safe, reliable electric service to its consumer-members.



Sabrina Quertermous is stepping into a new dual role at JPEC as an accounting analyst and member service representative. Sabrina has been a dedicated part of our team for over two years and has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to our members. In this expanded position, she will blend her exceptional member service skills with crucial financial oversight, ensuring our operations run smoothly from every angle. Please join us in congratulating Sabrina on this well-deserved advancement and wishing her continued success in her new journey. Photos: Ashley Turner

Back to school

Class is always in session at Jackson Purchase Energy

When I was a kid, there was nothing better than summer break—warm weather, swimming, family cookouts and long, lazy days. But as much as I loved break, there was something exciting about going back to school, too. I looked forward to seeing friends and moving into a new grade—and as I grew older, I learned to enjoy the challenge of learning something new.

This month, Kentucky kids from kindergarten through high school will head back to the classroom. Others will enroll in college or technical training programs, and still others will pursue advanced degrees or certifications. Back-to-school month is an annual reminder that learning should never stop—and that it's good for all of us, at any age.

JPEC supports education throughout our communities. For our youngest students, we share information about how electricity works using hands-on demonstrations to reinforce safety principles. As they get older, students learn more about the cooperative model through career days and opportunities like the youth tours to Frankfort and Washington, D.C. And because we know today's students are tomorrow's leaders, we are also proud to offer scholarship opportunities after high school.

Through your *Kentucky Living* magazine, JPEC offers educational material for all ages, even those of us who, like me, might not have been in the classroom in a long time. We strive to keep you up to date on issues affecting your electric service, and we also communicate regularly about business matters so that you understand how JPEC is working on your behalf.

At JPEC, we know that a learner's mindset can even save lives, especially when it comes to electricity. Our dedicated lineworkers constantly improve their skills as part of our safety culture. Continual learning helps ensure safe and reliable service for our consumer-members—and it also helps ensure that our hardworking crews come home safe. This commitment goes beyond the job, too, as we offer tips in *Kentucky Living* and on our social media channels to help you and your loved ones stay safe.

Education is part of our mission at JPEC, and we're honored to support many kinds of learning for all ages. Wherever you are in your educational journey, I hope you find time to learn something new this month.



President and CEO
Greg Grissom





Ballard Memorial High School senior Lilly Reno and fellow youth tour delegates wait for congressional meetings in the Capitol Visitor Center.

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Thaggard says the friendships made during the trip will be unforgettable.

“My favorite moment from the D.C. trip is that I made some new friends,” Thaggard says. “The relationships that I made with my new buddies will be an unforgettable experience.”

Reno says meeting other students from Kentucky and across the country shaped her time in D.C.

“Meeting delegates from Kentucky as well as around the nation highly impacted my experience,” Reno says. “Meeting people who are like me, and different as well, was amazing to see.”

On Capitol Hill, the students were engaged and appreciative of the opportunity to discuss important issues with congressional staff members and U.S. Sen. Rand Paul. They spoke up

for electric cooperatives, asking about FEMA reform and how to make sure Kentucky co-ops are adequately served by FEMA. They also asked about artificial intelligence and the nation’s future.

Wafzig thanked the chaperones who helped lead and support the students throughout the week, notably JPEC’s Mark Brueggert and Ashley Turner.



Above, McCracken County High School senior Jake Thaggard, second from right, with fellow Washington Youth Tour delegates at Monticello, the home of President Thomas Jefferson. Photos: Tim Webb

JPEC wraps up another successful drive-thru registration for 88th annual meeting

The annual meeting of consumer-members took place on Thursday, June 11, where 1,033 members registered using our drive-thru registration—an increase in participation from 2025. Following registration, the cooperative held its business meeting.

To kick off the business meeting, JPEC Board Chairman Erick Harris commented on the successful drive-thru registration and officially opened the meeting. President and CEO Greg Grissom gave the 2025 financial report.

“We would like to thank all our consumer-members for coming out to our 88th Annual Meeting,” Grissom said. “This is always a special time for our



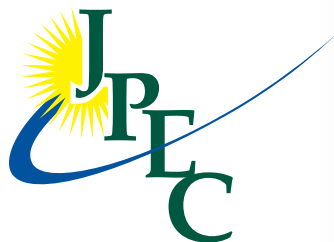
VP of Member Services and Communications Mark Lindsey and Lead Member Service Representative Amber Daniels assist in registering consumer-members during our drive-thru registration.

employees to interact with the members we serve, and it turned out to be a great day for everyone.”



Members who registered received their very own bag of delicious kettle corn courtesy of Poppin J’s. Photos: Ashley Turner

Consumer-members can view a recording of the JPEC 2026 annual meeting on our website at www.jpenergy.com.



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YOUNG DRIVERS

Should be aware of hazards

Kentucky electric co-ops warn teen drivers to “stay in the car.”

Stepping out of the car immediately after striking a utility pole may kill you.

HERE'S WHY:

- **Power lines fall.** When a pole is struck, power lines and hardware can break loose.
- **Power lines are not insulated.** Grabbing one, grazing up against one or touching something that's touching it can kill you.
- **Electricity seeks the quickest path to ground.** You become that path if you get out of the car and touch a live power line and the ground. If you are alive, you are not currently creating that deadly “path to ground.” This means it's safer to stay where you are.
- **Call 911.** After hitting a pole, call 911. Tell them you hit a pole and wait patiently. Tell others to stay back. Wait until you know it's safe before exiting.