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Mid-Carolina sponsors two local students in Annual Youth Summit

LEXINGTON, S.C. – Mid-Carolina recently sponsored two local students to attend the South Carolina Electric Cooperatives Youth Summit to learn more about electric cooperatives and the state government.

Mid-Carolina was proud to sponsor Kendal Robinson of White Knoll High School and Wells Carter of River Bluff High School. The Cooperative Youth Summit takes place every year during early July. It is a time for students from across the state to come together to grow and develop to be the leaders of tomorrow in their communities.

“It is a leadership conference,” said Robinson. “I want to take stuff from here back to my junior council.”

Throughout the trip, the students participated in the Soda Pop Co-op, a student-run market that sold snacks and beverages to their fellow students. Some students served as the cooperative’s board members. Robinson was elected as manager of the Soda Pop Co-op. All students received cash back, capital credits, as their share of the end of the trip margins. The exercise allowed the students to learn first-hand how the not-for-profit co-op business model works.

Robinson and Carter also had the opportunity to hear from John Frick, the vice president of government relations at the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina. Frick taught them about how our government works and challenged them to “keep the republic,” referencing Benjamin Franklin’s iconic response to a colonial woman inquiring whether her new nation was a monarchy or a republic. Franklin answered, “a republic madam, if you can keep it.”

Students were exposed to the importance of safety around electricity at the CEEUS facility in West Columbia.

“I got to talk to lineman from Mid-Carolina, my cooperative,” said Carter. “They took the time to explain to us what they did and showed us the safety features. We had just been in the tool lab so then we got to see and learn about how they fixed the tools. Seeing how everything was connected was really cool.”

About Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative

For more than 85 years, Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative has brought its members advances that make a difference in their daily lives. From the original construction of power lines that carried electricity to rural areas needing it most to fiber optic internet and smart grid technology, Mid-Carolina delivers what matters. As a not-for-profit, member-owned electric distribution utility, we’re deeply committed to the communities we call home to deliver reliable, cost-efficient utilities and innovative solutions to our approximately 60,000 members. We are — and always have been — in your corner.

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