



# Power Points

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## Diverse Power Foundation announces scholarship winners

### Grand prize!

Diverse Power Incorporated held its 78th Annual Meeting of Members May 14 in LaGrange and Cuthbert. At the end of the event, grand prizes of a \$200

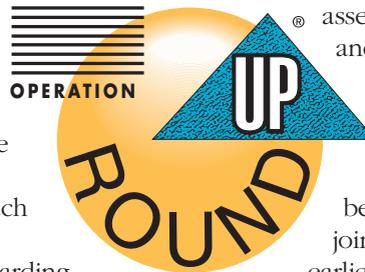


power bill credit for each winner were awarded to six members, including Robert Balazs, at left, of Warm Springs. Mark your calendar now

for next year's Annual Meeting—May 13, 2015—and maybe you'll walk away with a grand prize.

For highlights of Annual Meeting, see pages 26D-26E.

In its 11th year of assisting students in obtaining higher education, the Diverse Power Foundation recently presented scholarships to 37 high school seniors, a record number. The winning students each received a \$3,000 scholarship to the technical institute, junior or four-year college of their choice.



To broaden its outreach this year, the Foundation increased its focus on awarding students bound for technical school, according to Foundation President Jim Kelly, who attributed the record number of scholarships to that emphasis.

“Whether they plan to attend tech school, junior college or four-year college, students who have been productive in high school and demonstrated the ability to succeed are provided help with taking the next step to higher education through this program,” says Kelly. “This investment in education provides the means for aspiring young people to complete their education and equips them to serve their communities upon graduation.”

Selection of Diverse Power Foundation scholarship winners is based on grades, SAT scores, extracurricular activities, personal character, civic responsibility and financial need. Scholarship funds are made possible through Operation Round Up®, a philanthropic program managed by the Diverse Power Foundation, in which cooperative members “round up” their

monthly power bill to the next dollar, with the difference supporting area education.

Headed by a volunteer board of leaders, the Foundation assesses student applications and chooses recipients annually. Since 2003, scholarships totaling \$672,500 have been awarded.

Diverse Power members in the Pataula District joined Operation Round Up earlier this year, so students in that area will be eligible for scholarships next year, according to Kelly. “We’re happy to have Pataula on board and look forward to awarding students there,” he adds.

This year’s scholarship recipients are pictured on pages 26F and 26G.

For how and when to apply for 2015 scholarships, contact Diverse Power at (706) 845-2000 or (800) 845-8362, or visit [www.dpfi.org](http://www.dpfi.org) to find scholarship applications online. Applications also may be obtained through school counselors or administrators.



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## A Word from Wayne

# The benefits of being a cooperative member

**T**here are new things happening at Diverse Power Incorporated.

Earlier this year, we welcomed 5,500 new members in the Pataula District. We've almost completed construction of a state-of-the-art fiber network, and we're installing an advanced radio system to provide improved service to members and enhanced emergency communications in our communities. We recently redesigned this newsletter to provide you with more energy information and news about your cooperative.

In May, we extended this spirit of trying new things when we invited guests to speak at our Annual Meeting. If you missed the meeting, you missed out on some good stuff.

Our 2013 delegate on the Washington Youth Tour, Grace Curtis, told us about her trip to the nation's capital last summer. A Callaway High School graduate, Grace says the Washington Youth Tour exceeded her expectations, and she described her experience as "beyond unforgettable." She called her trip "a catalyst" in helping her choose law and politics as her career path. Grace was also one of 37 students to receive a Diverse Power Foundation scholarship and will use hers this fall when she starts classes at the University of Georgia where she will major in political science.

LaGrange beef and dairy farmer Matt Comerford told members at Annual Meeting about the experience he and his wife, Brittany, had as Diverse Power delegates at last year's Co-op Education

Conference for Couples. Matt said he and Brittany learned a lot and made good connections at the conference. In fact, they were introduced to Dairy Farmers of America, the cooperative to which they now sell the milk they produce. While the conference made an impression on the Comerfords, they made an impression as well; they were voted to return as host couple this year.

Our own Larry Williamson, chairman of Diverse Power's Board of Directors, also spoke at our Annual Meeting, describing the pride, excitement and enthusiasm we share at Diverse Power. Like Larry said, we are proud of what's happened in the past, when local farmers formed this cooperative to bring electricity to rural residents; we're excited about what's happening now, especially with our new members in the Pataula District; and we're enthusiastic about what's to come, because we've prepared and we're ready.

At Diverse Power, our mission extends beyond providing electricity. As a cooperative owned by our members, we are committed to providing education and experiences when we can to enrich the lives of members like Grace Curtis and the Comerfords.

If you missed this year's Annual Meeting, you missed a good time. We hope you'll make plans to join us next May.



Wayne Livingston  
*President/CEO*



## This Month

# Happy Independence Day!



We at Diverse Power Incorporated hope you and yours have a safe and happy Fourth of July. Our office will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of the holiday. In the event of a power outage or related problems, standby personnel will be on duty day and night to take calls at (706) 845-2000 or (800) 845-8362.

# Local student wins prestigious state scholarship

Harris County High School senior Mallory Harris has been named winner of the Walter Harrison Scholarship, an annual award presented by Diverse Power and other Georgia EMCs to a select few students each spring.

The daughter of Patrick and Monica Harris, of Fortson, Mallory will attend the University of Georgia in the fall and plans to pursue a dual major in early childhood education and psychology. She is also the recipient of a Diverse Power Foundation scholarship.

The Walter Harrison Scholarship program is funded by Georgia's electric cooperatives, including Diverse Power, along with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the Georgia Rural Electric Supply Corp., and has awarded approximately \$162,500 to students in the past three decades.

Recognized as her school's salutatorian and STAR Student, Mallory served as president of the Harris County High Beta Club and National Honor Society. She also was named

an AP Scholar, Georgia Certificate of Merit recipient, and Governor's Honors Program nominee.

She gives back to her community by volunteering with Relay For Life, Feeding the Valley Food Bank and the FOCUS Thanksgiving food distribution initiative.

Her volunteer work with the Autism Learning Center in Columbus has included everything from teaching students how to cross a street safely to teaching a nonverbal child how to ask for help in case of emergency. She credits this work with leading her to pursue a career in the education system.

"She wants to get her Ph.D. and be a school psychologist," says her father. "We appreciate this scholarship. It's an indication of how hard Mallory has worked throughout her school career and proof that putting forth that type of effort gets results."

Mallory Harris is the second



Patrick and Monica Harris, of Fortson, stand behind their daughter, Mallory, supporting the honor student in all her academic and extracurricular studies.

student from Diverse Power's service territory to win the Walter Harrison Scholarship in the past two years. Northside High School graduate Jonathan Lovern, of Columbus, received the statewide scholarship last year and applied it toward his education at Mercer University in Macon where he is working toward a bachelor's and a master's degree in mechanical engineering.

"We want to help students help themselves," says Diverse Power President/CEO Wayne Livingston. "Higher education obviously benefits the student, but it also benefits the community if we can lessen the economic burden for their families who are living and working alongside us."

Diverse Power participates in the Walter Harrison Scholarship Program to give students an extra opportunity for financial assistance. The scholarship can be applied to any accredited two- or four-year university, college or vocational-technical school in Georgia.

## About the scholarship

The Walter Harrison Scholarship was created in 1985 by the board of directors of Georgia Electric Membership Corp., a trade association representing the state's 41 electric cooperatives, Oglethorpe Power Corp., Georgia Transmission Corp. and Georgia System Operations Corp. The scholarship is named in honor of Walter Harrison, a pioneer in the rural electric movement and a leader at the local, state and national levels in electric cooperative programs.

For information on applying, visit [diversepower.com](http://diversepower.com) or call Residential Services/Marketing Coordinator Ken Pope at (706) 845-2000.



# Annual Meeting brings friends together

Diverse Power Incorporated held its 78th Annual Meeting of Members May 14 at its headquarters office in LaGrange and at Andrew College in Cuthbert for members of the Pataula District.

A total of 815 members registered with family members and guests bringing total attendance at the two locations to almost 2,000, a modern-day attendance record. Many members attend the event each year and recognize it as a time to reconnect with old friends and make new acquaintances.

Danny Curtis served as emcee for Annual Meeting, which featured registration gifts, a hot dog and hamburger meal, door prizes, musical entertainment and guest speakers. For more on the event, see President/CEO Wayne Livingston's column on page 26B.

SHERRI KING



Linemen Brett King, left, and Daniel Crowe enjoy the meeting.

SHERRI KING



Mr. and Mrs. Graden Lovelace enjoy the hot dog and hamburger lunch at Diverse Power's Annual Meeting.

JACKIE KENNEDY



Linemen preparing to give door prizes are, from left, Matt Phillips, Brent Loftin, Bryan Wiggins, Lee Bridges and Dennis Harrison.

TOM CALLAWAY



Manning the grill at the Pataula District are, from left, Diverse Power employees Dale Boyett, Ben Shadrick and Jeff McCarter.

JACKIE KENNEDY



Diverse Power President/CEO Wayne Livingston, left, and Board Chairman Larry Williamson, center, chat with member Robert Clausing, 94, the oldest man at Annual Meeting. After Williamson spoke about how electricity allowed rural people to do away with manual tools, like the six-pound iron he holds here, Livingston noted another positive about electric appliances by saying, "I'd whole lot rather my wife throw an electric iron at me than one of those things."

JACKIE KENNEDY



Members of the Troup High School Air Force Junior ROTC Color Guard stand at attention as Diverse Power directors salute while the national anthem is sung.

SHERRI KING



Kayla Fannin, a senior at LaGrange Academy, sings the national anthem.

TOM CALLAWAY



Cuthbert resident Monteene Jones, left, was one of six grand-prize winners who walked away from Annual Meeting with a \$200 credit toward their power bill. She and husband, Clarence Jones, accept their prize from Diverse Power Director Cheryl Meadows at the Pataula District. Other grand-prize winners were Bobby Robinson and Mark Thompson, both of LaGrange; Ira Davis, of Pine Mountain; Ruth Harris, of Greenville; and Robert Balazs, of Warm Springs.

SHERRI KING



Guest speakers were, from left, Matt Comerford, who shared the experience he and his wife, Brittany, had at the 2013 Co-op Couples Conference; Clarence Sams, pastor of First Baptist Church in LaGrange, who opened Annual Meeting with an invocation; and Grace Curtis, a 2013 delegate on the Washington Youth Tour, who discussed the tour's impact on her.

JACKIE KENNEDY



David Cash, left, and Terrell Jones catch up at Annual Meeting.

TOM CALLAWAY



Diverse Power members in the Pataula District watched the meeting simulcast from LaGrange.

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Seven-week-old Tenley Addison, with her parents Justin and Heather Addison, of LaGrange, was the youngest child at the meeting.

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Julia Ellison, 94, of Warm Springs, was the oldest woman at Annual Meeting.

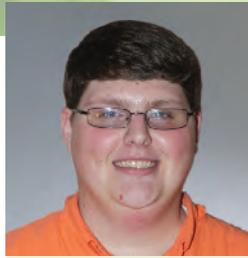
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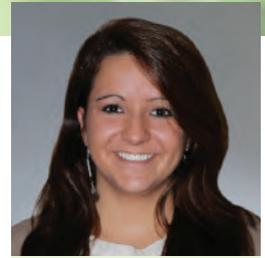
Wed for 66 years, Elliott and Frances Bailey, of LaGrange, were the longest-married couple in attendance.

# Diverse Power Foundation awards scholarships

The Diverse Power Foundation recently presented scholarships to 37 area students. The recent high school graduates are listed, along with their high school, parents' names, hometown and college they plan to attend in fall 2014.



**Blake Alford**, Troup High School, son of Robert and Lynn Alford, of West Point, West Georgia Technical College



**Rachel Arrington**, Troup High School, daughter of Alan Arrington and Kendra Reisinger, of LaGrange, Southern Union State Community College



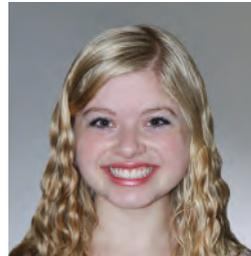
**Chloe Battle**, LaGrange High School, daughter of Jeff and Leslie Battle, of LaGrange, Georgia Institute of Technology



**Breanna Bonner**, Troup High School, daughter of Julie and Rick White, of Pine Mountain, LaGrange College



**Joseph Bridges**, Columbus High School, son of Joe and Nan Bridges, of Columbus, Auburn University



**Elly Brown**, Troup High School, daughter of Nancy Brown, of LaGrange, Princeton University



**Emily Brown**, Callaway High School, daughter of Owen and Barbara Brown, of Hogansville, University of West Georgia



**Julia Clark**, Harris County High School, daughter of Andrew and Sherri Clark, of Hamilton, University of Georgia



**Michael Coffman**, LaGrange High School, son of Charles and Yolanda Coffman, of LaGrange, Georgia Institute of Technology



**Breanna Cook**, LaGrange High School, daughter of Kenneth and Robyn Cook, of LaGrange, West Georgia Technical College



**Ashton Cowart**, Springwood School, daughter of Charles and Sharon Cowart, of LaGrange, Georgia Institute of Technology



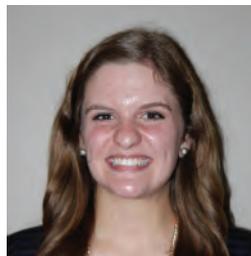
**Grace Curtis**, Callaway High School, daughter of David and Marie Curtis, of LaGrange, University of Georgia



**Jessika Davidson**, LaGrange High School, daughter of Theresa Truitt, of LaGrange, West Georgia Technical College



**LeAnna Hamer**, Ballard Christian School, daughter of Randall and Deborah Hamer, of Lanett, Ala., Southern Union State Community College



**Mallory Harris**, Harris County High School, daughter of Patrick and Monica Harris, of Fortson, University of Georgia



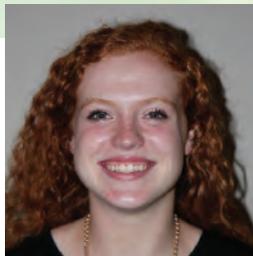
**Erica Hendrix**, Heard County High School, daughter of Chad and Tina Hendrix, of Hogansville, Kennesaw State University



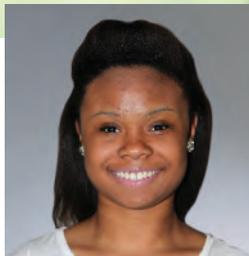
**Adam Holloway**, Home school, son of Eric and Christy Holloway, of LaGrange, LaGrange College



**Jessica Horne**, Northside High School, daughter of Richard and Carolyn Horne, of Columbus, Columbus Technical College



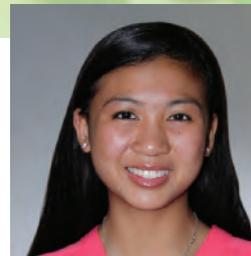
**Sarah Howard**, Harris County High School, daughter of Dennis Howard and Katherine Brown, of Fortson, University of Georgia



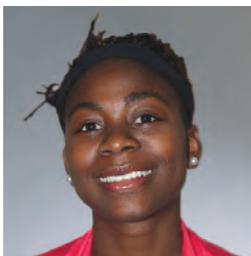
**Vilexia Jackson**, Troup High School, daughter of Jessica Stiggers, of LaGrange, Georgia State University



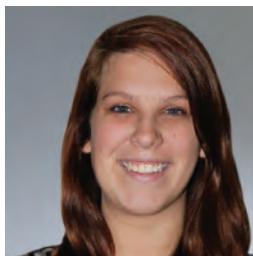
**Macey Johnson**, Troup High School, daughter of Phillip and Sharon Johnson, of LaGrange, LaGrange College



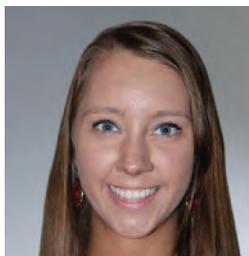
**Skye Mauldin**, LaGrange High School, daughter of Tim Mauldin and Jane Mauldin, of LaGrange, Georgia Institute of Technology



**Emmanuella Milano**, Greenville High School, daughter of Amos Asare, of Greenville, Gwinnett Technical College



**Jennifer Nestor**, Troup High School, daughter of Elaine Adams, of Pine Mountain, West Georgia Technical College



**Lynsey Palma**, LaGrange High School, daughter of Tony and Amy Palma, of LaGrange, University of West Georgia



**Bailey Pearson**, Troup High School, son of Ben and Amy Pearson, of LaGrange, Georgia Southern University



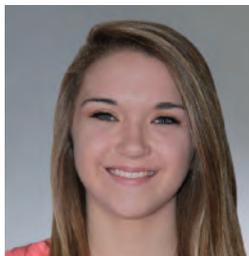
**Emily Polk**, LaGrange High School, daughter of Rob and Sherry Polk, of LaGrange, Georgia Institute of Technology



**Austin Rogers**, LaGrange High School, son of Jeffrey and Rhonda Rogers, of LaGrange, University of Alabama



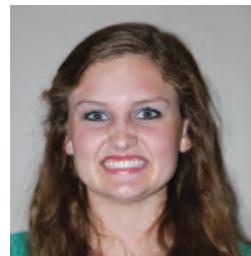
**Matthew Schoonover**, Troup High School, son of Bruce and Kim Schoonover, of LaGrange, Georgia Institute of Technology



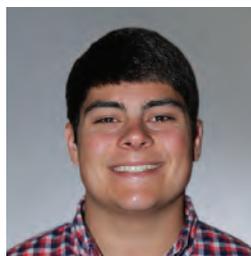
**Brooke Shepard**, LaGrange High School, daughter of Randy Shepard and Donna Shepard, of LaGrange, University of Georgia



**Trinity Smith**, Harris County High School, daughter of Lance and Jennifer Smith, of Fortson, University of Georgia



**Kali Spitzmiller**, Brookstone School, daughter of David and Kina Spitzmiller, of Fortson, Valdosta State University



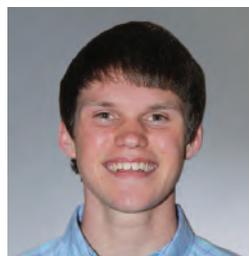
**Dalton Trammell**, The Heritage School, son of Wesley and Leigh Trammell, of Moreland, Auburn University



**Katie Warren**, Troup High School, daughter of Jacqueline McCann, of LaGrange, LaGrange College



**Amy Webb**, Troup High School, daughter of Steve and Charlotte Webb, of LaGrange, LaGrange College



**Forrest Wood**, Springwood School, son of Murphy and Pam Wood, of LaGrange, Auburn University



**William Wooten**, LaGrange High School, son of Bill and Maggie Wooten, of LaGrange, Georgia Institute of Technology

# Community Connections

## Get your Co-op Connections Card deals today

Approximately 100 area businesses participate in Diverse Power's Co-op Connections® Card program, which offers money-saving deals to our members and increased business to our partners.

To learn how your business can participate, contact Residential Services/Marketing Coordinator Ken Pope at (706) 845-2000, ext. 347. To view a complete listing of our Co-op Connections Card deals, visit our website at [diversepower.com](http://diversepower.com).

Here, check out a few of our Co-op Connections Card partners:



### Body/Beauty

#### Banana Beach Tan

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-882-4100  
Buy 5 visits, get 5 free. Good at any of 8 locations in Georgia. Visits must be used within 60 days of purchase. Does not apply to airbrush tanning sessions.

#### Farasha Spa

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-884-4403  
\$10 off any service over \$70; one per customer; not to be combined with other offers.

#### LaGrange Barber Shop

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-883-7338  
\$1 off any haircut.

#### Lovely Lola's Skin Care Boutique

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-756-1003  
\$10 off minimum purchase of \$50.

#### Phase 2 Hair Salon

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-884-2520  
10% off retail.

#### (The) Styling Loft

Pine Mountain, Ga. ....706-663-8313  
10% off all regularly priced Paul Mitchell products.

#### Total Tanning

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-882-4239  
10% off products; not to be used in conjunction with other specials.

### Insurance

#### Mallory Insurance

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-884-3339  
\$5 Starbucks gift card with each comprehensive insurance review from one of our personal risk managers.

### Printing and Design

#### Design Group

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-883-7741  
Free design consultation.

#### Mud Creek Graphics

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-884-5592  
10% off up to \$100, any order.



A Diverse Power member visits the communications table at Annual Meeting to learn about the Co-op Connections Card program and other Diverse Power initiatives.

#### Xpect.it

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-882-0415  
Free gift with first order of printing, promotional or signs.

### Real Estate

#### ERA First Realty of LaGrange, Inc.

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-883-6670  
Free home warranty when you buy or sell through us. Must show card first.

#### Troup County Board of Realtors

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-298-0695  
\$1 off in-store Georgia Multi-List purchase. (Good only at Troup County Board of Realtors office.)

### Recreation/Entertainment

#### Butt's Mill Farm

Pine Mountain, Ga. ....706-663-7400  
\$5 off horseback or go-carts with admission.

#### Coca-Cola Space Science Center

Columbus, Ga. ....706-649-1486  
\$1 off regular adult admission.

#### LaGrange Art Museum

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-882-3267  
5% discount on family membership.

#### Staline Marine

Lanett, Ala. ....334-644-2628  
10% discount on service.

#### Tommy Mike Guide Service

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-614-9730  
Save \$100 on a full-day fishing trip for four. Not valid with other offers.

### Restaurants

#### The Cart Barn

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-884-3362  
Free drink with purchase of lunch; one per card.

#### Jim Bob's

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-882-9917  
Free cookie with regularly priced meal; LaGrange and Columbus locations.

#### Katie's Too

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-882-1012  
Buy a buffet, get a free drink. Dine in only; one per card.

#### Rogers Bar-B-Que

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-812-0041  
Free tea with dinner plate; one per card.

#### Rogers Bar-B-Que

West Point, Ga. ....706-645-2366  
Free drink (dine in only).

### Storage and Rentals

#### AAA Self Storage

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-845-9700  
\$50 credit for storage for new customers only.

#### Hertz Equipment Rental

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-883-6172  
5% off weekday rentals and one free weekend day (up to 8 hours use).

#### Leap Frog Storage and Trucks

LaGrange, Ga. ....706-882-7745  
10% off truck rental; doesn't apply to move-in special. 50% off storage rental for first month with two-month minimum rental.