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Youth Leadership Institute turns 10

Diverse Power Incorporated hosted its annual Youth Leadership Institute for the 10th time at Troup County Comprehensive High School in LaGrange. Almost 300 students from nine schools attended the Jan. 17 event led by internationally acclaimed motivational speaker Stephen Gower.

Highlighted by student participation in games designed by Gower to illustrate leadership strategies, the action-packed institute culminated with a double-elimination quiz bowl competition among the participating schools, which included Troup, LaGrange, Callaway, Harris County and Greenville high schools, LaGrange Academy, Lafayette Christian School, Flint River Academy and Springwood School.

Since the institute originated in 2005, Gower has shared with thousands of area students practical lessons gleaned from his 50-year career as a public

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Stephen Gower, center, was honored at the 10th annual Diverse Power Youth Leadership Institute. Former LaGrange High Principal Steve Cole, left, presented him with a plaque of appreciation, and Troup High graduate John Oliver presented Gower with a Diverse Power jacket. Both men credited Gower's leadership lessons with helping them become more effective leaders.

speaker. Known as "the perception professional," Gower has written 21 books on leadership and has presented his message in all 50 states and 10 countries.

As in the past, Gower led this year's students through individual and team competitions that encouraged them to reiterate the leadership lessons they learned during the Institute.

As sponsor of the annual event, Diverse Power presented each student participant with a T-shirt and distributed dozens of books to competition winners. For the third year in a row, LaGrange Academy students took first-place honors in the Diverse Power Youth Leadership Institute Quiz Bowl. Winners in individual competition were LaGrange Academy senior Jamie Zubernis, first place, and Troup High sophomore Andrew Ingram, second place.

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Congratulated by Stephen Gower, center, are members of LaGrange Academy's first-place quiz bowl team, from left: school counselor Miriam Kelly, sophomore Tina Tran, junior Will Whitlow and seniors Jamie Zubernis and Evan Genova. Troup High won second place in the quiz bowl with team members Andrew Ingram, Mirra Jones, J.D. Bryan and Alan Bailey.

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A Word from Wayne

Looking back on 10 years of leadership

Diverse Power was introduced to Stephen Gower 15 years ago when we concentrated efforts on improving our productivity and helping our employees develop greater personal satisfaction with their jobs.

For about five years, Stephen assisted as we contemplated jobs, personnel, employees' skills and the overall way we do things. As a consequence of what we learned, many changes were put into place and we recognized great progress in improving our service to members and job satisfaction for employees.

During this period, Diverse Power realized the value Stephen brought to the table. So, in 2004, when he suggested we take the same leadership skills we were implementing and bring them to high school students, we immediately were enthused about the proposition.

In 2005, we offered the first Diverse Power Leadership Institute for Youth at Troup County Comprehensive High School in LaGrange with students from three area high schools in attendance. Over the next decade, the institute expanded and for several years has included students from nine schools within our seven-county service

area. Each year, approximately 300-plus students are taught life skills that will benefit them both personally and in their careers. Lessons on integrity, character, leadership and self-discipline are the highlights of the program.

An internationally acclaimed public speaker, Stephen engages the students so well that at the end of each institute, when the Jeopardy-style quiz bowl and word association games are played, students are eager to participate and always demonstrate that they have learned what Stephen has taught. Many ask to return year after year.

Principals, school board members, school superintendents, teachers, counselors and parents through the years expressed appreciation for the program. Students have told us that the institute was one of the highlights of their high school career.

Throughout its history, Diverse Power has focused on developing our students of today into leaders of tomorrow. Now, as then, we believe this investment pays huge dividends.



Wayne Livingston
President/CEO

This Month

Attention: Washington Youth Tour alumni

If you represented Diverse Power as a student delegate on the Washington Youth Tour (WYT) and are currently working on an undergraduate degree, you're eligible to apply for a new \$10,000 scholarship.

The national scholarship is offered only to WYT alumni who have completed their freshman year of college, with no maximum age requirement.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) recently established the Glenn English National Cooperative Leadership Foundation, which will present its first scholarship this year in honor of English, who served as CEO of NRECA for 19 years before retiring last year.

Scholarship applications are due to NRECA by March 31, and one winner will be announced June 1. The winner will receive \$5,000 in July and \$5,000 in December. To apply, visit <http://www.nreca.coop/what-we-do/youth-programs/glenn-english-national-cooperative-leadership-foundation-2/>.



Diverse Power continues Green Energy efforts

Diverse Power Incorporated offers consumer-members the opportunity to supply their electric needs with cleaner, renewable energy from Georgia's natural resources by utilizing biomass as a green source of energy. This biomass consists of methane gases and wood waste that are burned in facilities that use the heat from the burning process to generate environmentally friendly electric energy.



In 2005, Diverse Power joined other Georgia electric cooperatives by signing on with Green Power EMC, the first renewable energy program in Georgia. A not-for-profit cooperative founded in 2001, Green Power EMC supports Georgia's electric cooperatives in their search for renewable resources by finding, screening, analyzing and negotiating power purchase agreements with Georgia-based renewable resource providers. Green Power EMC now provides environmentally friendly electricity through 39 member EMCs.

The environmentally friendly electricity offered by Diverse Power is nationally certified as Green-e Energy. The Product Content Label on this page is published as a source of information for you, our members, to fulfill one of the criteria for maintaining our certification.

The Product Content Label includes the renewable energy mix delivered to members purchasing green power during 2013, along with the projected renewable energy fuel mix to be delivered to members purchasing green power during 2014. Diverse Power's green energy is purchased by members who feel the need to help the environment by supporting this program.

PRODUCT CONTENT LABEL

The product is sold in blocks of 100 kilowatt-hours (kWh). The product will be made up of the following renewable resources:

Green-e Energy Certified New ³ Renewables in Diverse Power Green Power Program			Generation Location
	2013 ¹	2014 ²	
Biomass	100%	100%	Georgia
Geothermal	0%	0%	
Eligible hydroelectric ⁴	0%	0%	
Solar	0%	0%	
Wind	0%	0%	
TOTAL	100%	100%	

1. The 2013 figures reflect the resources that were supplied for the year ending Dec. 31, 2013.
2. The 2014 figures are prospective and reflect the power that we have contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you the actual resource mix of the electricity you purchased during the preceding year.
3. For energy supplied in 2013, New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation on or after Jan. 1, 1999. For energy to be supplied in 2014, New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation on or after Jan. 1, 2000.
4. Eligible hydroelectric facilities are defined in the Green-e Energy National Standard (http://www.green-e.org/getcert_re_stan.shtml) and include facilities certified by the Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) (www.lowimpacthydro.org); facilities that are run-of-the-river hydropower facilities with a total rated nameplate capacity equal to or less than 5 MW; and facilities comprised of a turbine in a pipeline or a turbine in an irrigation canal.

For comparison, the current average mix of resources supplying Diverse Power includes: coal (32%), nuclear (17%), oil (0%), natural gas (31%), hydroelectric (20%) and other (0%).

The average home in the United States uses 900 kWh per month. [Source: U.S. EPA]

For specific information about this electricity product, please contact Diverse Power, (706) 845-2000, http://www.diversepower.com/green_power.php.



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Community Connections

DPI awards employees at celebration luncheon



Members of the annual Safety Committee received recognition for their service, including, from left, Safety Coordinator Glenn Cunningham, Wade Hall, Shelley Wilson, Bubba Allen, Lisa Morman, Shannon Anthony, Nikki Bridwell and Todd Conkle.



Wayne Livingston presented service awards to 10 Diverse Power employees, honoring them for their years of service. Recognized at the Employee Celebration Luncheon in December were, from left, seated: Anthony Talley, five years; Paula May, 10 years; and Brent Loftin, 15 years. Standing: Jimmy Hutto, 15 years; Brannon Horne, five years; Jamin Blair, 10 years; Bubba Allen, 15 years; Shannon Anthony, 10 years; and Matt Phillips, 15 years. Not pictured is Joey McCartney, 10 years.

Co-op Connections® Card Home Improvement partners

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.

Co-op Connections Card partners who provide **Home Improvement** services, and the deals they offer to Diverse Power members who present the card, include:

AAA Air Conditioning Company

LaGrange, Ga.....706-845-0070
5% off everything.

Ace Air

LaGrange, Ga.....706-812-0450
\$50 off repair with purchase of annual maintenance agreement.

Air Force Heating and Air

LaGrange, Ga.....706-882-8888
\$25 off repairs.

All Pro Materials and Service

Columbus, Ga.....706-507-5016
For every case (6) of S6215 23-watt CFL outdoor flood, receive one outdoor flood free (\$9 value).

Cooper & Sons Electric Inc.

Newnan, Ga.....678-637-3851
10% off.

Energy Savers—A/C, Heating, Indoor Air Quality

Columbus, Ga.....706-324-1738
\$25 off any service or \$100 off any new heating and cooling system.

Flooring America Mill Store

LaGrange, Ga.....706-884-2674
\$150 off any purchase of \$1,500 or more (materials only); cannot be combined with other offers.

Gordy's Hardware and Paint

LaGrange, Ga.....706-884-1939
Free 2-inch paintbrush with 4-gallon paint purchase.

Horizon Electric

LaGrange, Ga.....706-812-9252
\$25 off whole-home surge protection. 10% off standard book price of all electrical repairs and new installation.



Jabaley's Paint & Appliance Center

LaGrange, Ga.....706-882-1466
10% off all paint purchases.

Lightstyles and Home Decor

LaGrange, Ga.....706-885-1818
10% off regularly priced merchandise; excludes other offers.

Morpower Electric LLC

LaGrange, Ga.....706-884-6485
\$10 off service calls. \$100 off new house wiring job.

Powerwork—e3

Hogansville, Ga.....678-637-3851
10% off.