

Area Students Earn Electric Co-op Scholarships

Five high school seniors whose families are served by Delaware Electric Cooperative have each earned \$1,000 college scholarships awarded by the Educational Scholarship Foundation of the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC). The recipients are:

- **Jonte Desire**, a senior at Sussex Technical High School and daughter of Angela Desire of Greenwood.
- **Maria Morelli**, a senior at Delmar High School and daughter of Joseph and Farrah Morelli of Delmar.
- **Giulia Randazzo**, a senior at St. Thomas More Academy and the daughter of Giuseppe and Gretchen Randazzo of Milton.
- **Holly Williams**, a senior at Sussex Central High School and the daughter of Garland Williams and Gretchen Hanson of Lewes.
- **Danielle Wise**, a senior at Delmar High School and the daughter of William and Christine Wise of Delmar.

This year, the VMDAEC Education Scholarship Foundation is awarding 54 Worth Hudson scholarships to students who live in areas served by electric cooperatives in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. Recipients are chosen based on three major criteria: financial need (40 percent), academic achievement (40 percent) and community involvement (20 percent). Applicants must provide evidence of their acceptance into a post-high school educational institution or program and their grants can be used to pay for tuition, fees and books.

The scholarships are named in honor of Worth Hudson, the Foundation's first chairman and former chairman of the board of directors of Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative in Chase City, Va. Since its inception in 2000, the Foundation has awarded 683 scholarships totaling \$582,500.

The Foundation is funded through tax-deductible donations and bequests from individuals, proceeds from benefit fundraising events and Co-Bank's Sharing Success Program.

Founded in 1944, VMDAEC is the trade association for Delaware Electric Cooperative and 14 other electric co-ops that serve Virginia and Maryland. It is based in Glen Allen, Va. and provides safety and employee training, governmental relations, communications, including the publication of *Cooperative Living* magazine, and other services to its member cooperatives. For more information on VMDAEC and the scholarship program, visit www.vmdaec.com or www.co-opliving.com.

Delaware Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Greenwood, is a not-for-profit energy provider that serves 95,000 homes, farms and businesses in Kent and Sussex counties. For more information, go to www.delaware.coop