

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT FOR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Congratulations to our 2021 scholarship winners! Rock Energy Cooperative has awarded 15 scholarships to local high school students. Each student will receive \$1,000 totaling \$15,000. Students whose parents or guardians are members of Rock Energy Cooperative were eligible to apply. Funds for the scholarships come from unclaimed capital credits. Since 1989, the co-op has awarded more than \$137,000 in financial aid to deserving students.

These young scholars possess the qualities that will help them succeed in their college studies, as well as their future professions. They have participated in dozens of school clubs,

competed in sports, performed in band and theater, worked on 4-H and scouting projects, and joined church groups.

Even with all those extra-curricular activities, they still found time to volunteer with community organizations and work to gain experience in their chosen field of study and help fund their college education.

Here's a brief introduction to the winners with excerpts from their applications:



August Pautsch

High School: Parkview

College: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Career Goal: "My educational plans include going to college for a Secondary Education major and, if possible, double majoring with chemistry or minoring in chemistry. My career plans are to become a high school science teacher. I want to become a teacher to help students learn and understand the world so they can further themselves as individuals."



Lena Seyfarth

High School: Edgerton

College: Tulane University or Arizona State University-Barrett

Career Goal: "I plan to major in Cell and Molecular Biology or Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in the honors program of the school I attend. After I complete my undergraduate degree, I plan to further pursue my education and earn a PhD in Genetics. I hope to one day become a scientific researcher focused on genetic and infectious diseases."



Logan Knudsen

High School: Milton

College: University of Wisconsin-Stout

Career Goal: "There are many routes I could go in life, but right now my top focus is on finding a government internship with an entity like the State Department, where I can utilize my learning of Russian and hopefully my future political science, Pre-Law, or national security degree. I also wouldn't mind going into the military, specifically the Air Force, for a period of time before finding a political or government profession."



Lucille Jaloszynski

High School: Milton

College: Michigan Technological University

Career Goal: "I plan to finish my bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering, job shadow or volunteer in the medical field, then apply to and attend medical school. At the moment I am thinking of going into sports medicine or obstetrics/pediatrics."





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Todd Myers

High School: Milton

College: University of Pennsylvania

Career Goal: “I ultimately plan to pursue a graduate education and work in advanced practice, either as an advanced practice registered nurse, or doctor of medicine. Nursing/medical specialties that interest me include maternal-fetal medicine (nurse-midwifery), anesthesiology (nurse anesthesia), general or plastic surgery (perioperative nursing), pathology, and hematology/oncology. I feel that each of these specialties is rewarding in its own way, and I will focus my goals more as I further my education.”



Guinivere Hausser

High School: Rock County Christian

College: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Career Goal: “I hope to graduate in four years from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. I also plan to acquire an internship to gain some business experience before graduating from college. After college, I plan to manage a sector of a business and eventually work my way up to becoming the CEO of a business.”



Abigail Nass

High School: Clinton

College: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Career Goal: “I plan to go to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater to major in accounting and minor in project management. I plan to get my CPA for accounting as well. Once these are obtained, I plan to work for my father’s business, Ideal Midwest, as the Accountant/Project Manager.”



Andrew Himmelmann

High School: Turner

College: University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Career Goal: “My plans after high school are to go to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and major in mechanical engineering. Once graduated, I plan on pursuing a career in mechanical design. With this scholarship, I can continue to pursue those interests in college and enter the workforce to contribute to society and make the world a better place.”



Amara Thean

High School: Craig

College: University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Career Goal: “I will take required classes to get into the nursing program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. I intend to major in nursing and minor in either nutrition or psychology. After pursuing an undergraduate degree in nursing, I planned to further my education and become a pediatric nurse. I would really like to pursue a career in nursing, because I like medicine and helping people out, especially the youth, to get better.”



Aleda Lee

High School: Dakota

College: University of Dubuque

Career Goal: “This summer, I will finish my Associates Degree at Highland, and I will transfer to the University of Dubuque in the fall. At the University of Dubuque, I will get my Bachelors Degree in accounting. Then, I will study more in order to get my CPA. I am hoping to get a higher accounting position at a company.”



Leah Wicklund

High School: Hononegah

College: University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Career Goal: “My first goal would be to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. I would like to work in a larger healthcare organization for the beginning of my career. I feel that I can gain a lot of varied experience in this setting. As my career advances, I would like to get training to become a Mid-Wife.”



Finley Hamilton

High School: Hononegah

College: Undecided

Career Goal: “As a teenager, some people may find it difficult to choose a career; however, I am very excited about the plans I have chosen for my future academic and career goals. I plan to pursue a major in communications with a focus in digital media communications or public relations, along with a minor in environmental science. Upon completing my undergraduate degree, I plan on attending law school to specialize in corporate or environmental law. As a Communications major I hope to use the skills I learn to help my future career goals to attend law school and become an attorney.”



Madison Harter

High School: Boylan

College: North Park University

Career Goal: “Once I decide on a college, I will start my educational plans with a double major goal of Psychology and Criminal Justice. After obtaining my Bachelor’s, I plan to earn my Master’s, and one day to earn my PhD. I am going to pursue a career in Forensic Psychology.”



Malavika Menon

High School: Hononegah

College: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Career Goal: “I would like to pursue a Business degree in Marketing, with a possible minor in Pre-Law or Social Work, and then attend law school. This scholarship award will get me one step closer to going to a prestigious business school that will prepare me for my academic future in the law field.”



Erin Graminske

High School: South Beloit

College: Rockford University

Career Goal: “I plan on attending Rockford University in the fall of 2021. Academically, I will be considered a Junior because I am currently in the Running Start program provided by Rock Valley College. I would like to major in secondary education with a focus on history. Then, ideally it would be nice to begin studying for my masters degree after I receive my bachelors in education from either Rockford University or another school. During this time, I would like to be working in a school district so I could gain experience and be able to provide for myself. I see myself working in the same school district for a number of years, unless something in my life changes.”



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CONGRATULATIONS 2021 ROCK ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

- Abigail Nass, Clinton HS
- Aleda Lee, Dakota HS
- Amara Thean, Craig HS
- Andrew Himmelmann, Turner HS
- August Pautsch, Parkview HS
- Erin Graminske, South Beloit HS
- Finley Hamilton, Hononegah HS
- Leah Wicklund, Hononegah HS
- Malavika Menon, Hononegah HS
- Lena Seyfarth, Edgerton HS
- Logan Knudsen, Milton HS
- Lucille Jaloszynski, Milton HS
- Todd Myers, Milton HS
- Madison Harter, Boylan Catholic HS
- Guinivere Hausser, Rock County Christian HS



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Rock Energy Cooperative employees and contractors work throughout our service territory, including on the rights-of-way and easements, and across your private property and driveways.


Our efforts to ensure reliable energy for you and your neighbors mean we sometimes must work on your property.

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- Making routine repairs.
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- Updating our electric and natural gas distribution system.
- Replacing meters.
- Maintaining vegetation in rights-of-way.
- Locating buried utilities for construction and digging projects.
- Working to upgrade poles, wires, transformers, and equipment.
- Inspecting lines, power poles, transformer boxes, and equipment.

Field work, except emergency power restoration, is conducted during normal working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Every effort is made to avoid damage and unnecessary intrusion.

If you have concerns about our work on your property, call Rock Energy at 866-752-4550. We appreciate your cooperation!

Have a Safe and Happy Independence Day!

Rock Energy Cooperative offices will remain closed and REC personnel will be out on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices throughout the holiday weekend and at the payment kiosk outside our South Beloit office, 15229 Willowbrook Road. Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are available. If you need to report a power outage, please call 866-752-4550.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Rock Energy will not be holding the following events in 2021:

- **Member Appreciation Day**
- **Electronics Recycling**

Given today's ever-changing landscape due to the ongoing pandemic, and taking into consideration the health and safety of our members, it was decided to not hold these events in 2021. Information about future events (in 2022 and beyond) will be communicated in this magazine, the REC newsletter (comes with your bill), and via email as needed.

At this point, Rock Energy has not organized a 2021 "Night At The Ball Park" event, and Beloit Snappers tickets are not available from Rock Energy. If the event is scheduled in 2021, we will promote it in our magazine, newsletter, and email.

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Outside

Severe weather can sometimes cause damage to overhead power lines. That damage could be noticeable — a downed line across an open road, for instance. However, it may not be as obvious if it is camouflaged by storm damage.

In either case — whether you see a downed line or you suspect one could be hidden under debris or standing water — do not go near the area. Stay away and call 9-1-1, and a crew will be dispatched to deenergize the line. Warn others to stay away as well.

Power lines and other electrical equipment do not have to be sparking, arcing (giving off a flame), or on fire to be energized.

At Home

Never step into a flooded basement or other standing water. The water could be covering electrical outlets, appliances, or cords.

If your home's electrical system has been damaged, water-logged or otherwise compromised, have it thoroughly inspected by a professional electrician before using any electricity (inside or out).

Learn more at:



**Always assume a
downed power line is
energized, dangerous
and deadly.**

