



# CONGRATULATIONS 2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**C**ongratulations to our 2022 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 \$152,000 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.

Below and on the following next two pages are introductions to the winners with excerpts from their applications.



**NOELLE WASHKOVIK** High School: Milton College: UW-La Crosse

**Career Goal:** "I plan to attend UW-La Crosse to study Business and/or Marketing. My goal is to graduate in four years with a bachelor's degree and acquire a job working in my field of study. My career may take me to different places, but my work ethic and desire to succeed will remain the same. I hope to use my skills and knowledge to help any company I work for to grow and prosper."

High School: Milton College: UW-Madison **ALAYNA BORGWARDT**

**Career Goal:** "I hope to attend UW-Madison, and I plan to earn my bachelor's degree in Food Science. I think that this path is a good fit for me because it combines my passion for being in the kitchen along with my academic strengths of science and math. Throughout my studies, I aim to earn an internship in the food science field to gain experiences and enrich my knowledge, as well as to help make connections for my post graduate career."



**JENNA OLIN** High School: Parkview College: UW-La Crosse

**Career Goal:** "My goal is to go to UW-La Crosse and earn a bachelor's degree in Radiation Therapy. While in my last year or two of school, I would like to start working in a hospital or clinic where I can start to gain work experience in this field so when I earn my degree, I am able to dive right in and start my career. Depending on the area I reside in, I would also like to look into furthering my education to one day start my own practice in a community so people will have easier access to the care they need."



**COLIN TRACY** High School: Clinton College: UW-Madison

**Career Goal:** "I plan to attend Madison to learn more about genetics and genetic modification. Additionally, I hope to learn agronomy. This knowledge will help me to expand my family's business, Tracy Seeds. I hope to one day open our own genetic line and use my knowledge from college to help sell better seed to farmers. My long term goal is to better humanity by advancing agriculture into the future."

High School: Dakota College: To Be Determined **ALLISON LISZKA**

**Career Goal:** "I hope to finish my Associate of Science degree after the summer semester of 2022. After this, I will transfer and enroll in a four-year university to earn my Bachelor's degree as my next step before entering the medical field. I plan on pursuing a career in Anesthesiology in the end. I have applied to Northwestern University, Loyola University Chicago, and DePaul University, and was accepted at Marquette."



**HANNAH LINEMAN** High School: South Beloit College: Eastern Illinois

**Career Goal:** "My educational and career plans are to major in Psychology at Eastern Illinois University, and after that go to law school at Northern Illinois University for children and family law. I hope to become an owner or partner of a law firm and eventually become a judge."

High School: Evansville College: Blackhawk Technical College **MALLORY MILLER**

**Career Goal:** "My plans for the future are to go to Blackhawk Technical College to study in the program of radiography and first become an imaging technician. Then I'll focus on specializing in CT scans or MRI's which are different types of imaging options. Another career plan or goal of mine is to also get a degree as a radiologist (after getting a degree to be an imaging technician), which would mean going back to school in order to achieve that."



**BROOKE HEISZ** High School: Edgerton College: UW-Madison or La Crosse

**Career Goal:** "After high school I would like to attend a four-year college and go into the field of psychology, which might lead me to more schooling after my first four years. Ideally I would like to become a family or marriage therapist. I also like the idea of social work and helping young kids in need."

High School: Craig College: Grand Valley State (MI) **CARLY STENGEL**

**Career Goal:** "I plan on attending Grand Valley State University (MI) to study International Affairs (Business minor). I'm hoping to study abroad while in college to further my experience with international cultures. After college, I plan on representing companies internationally for business negotiations. I am also open to becoming an international educator, a diplomat, or an international lawyer. No matter the specific career path, I want to travel internationally to work with people of other nations and cultures."





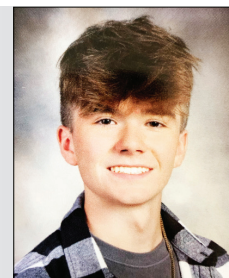


**ARUN KUMAR** High School: Hononegah College: UW-Madison or IL-Chicago

**Career Goal:** "I plan on majoring in either Molecular Biology or Neuroscience, and hope to explore research opportunities offered by the university I attend. Then, I plan on furthering my education by attending medical school and becoming a physician-scientist, thus fulfilling both my passion for practicing family medicine and researching neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's."

High School: Hononegah College: Southern Illinois **DYLAN PACCAGNINI**

**Career Goal:** "I plan to go to Southern Illinois University for their four-year Automotive Technology program and obtain a Bachelors of Science degree. I also plan to minor in business with the hopes of using what I learn to start my own repair shop. Once out of college, I plan to work for a major automotive company such as Chevrolet or Ford. The program at Southern Illinois University is highly sought after, with 98% of students receiving job offers before they graduate."



**OLIVIA COMBS** High School: Parker College: UW-Stevens Point

**Career Goal:** "My educational and career plans include: attending the UW-Stevens Point to major in Biology and minor in Spanish, with hopes of becoming trilingual in English, Spanish, and American Sign Language. I hope to become a biomedical researcher to help develop cures for genetic diseases."

High School: Brodhead College: UW-La Crosse **GAGE BOEGLI**

**Career Goal:** "My educational plan is to go to a four-year university as a student-athlete, and get my degree in finance. Then I plan to work around other financial advisors and learn as much as possible. Eventually I would like to start my own financial planning business."



**JENNA MOSLEY** High School: Beloit Turner College: Carroll University

**Career Goal:** "This scholarship award will help push me further towards a degree in Marketing, along with meeting my career goals. I plan to graduate from college in four years, and during those college years I would like to have three summer internships to support my career aspirations. I see myself employed at a reputable company working in marketing helping to promote the value and benefits of the brand they represent."

High School: Durand College: University of Iowa **EMMA ZELLER**

**Career Goal:** "I hope to attend a Midwest university (University of Iowa) to get an undergraduate degree in speech and hearing science. Then I would like to pursue a masters in speech pathology and audiology to become a speech therapist. I hope to work in schools with kids who require help in phonetic pronunciation."



# MAY IS NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

**E**lectricity lights homes and businesses, provides warmth and keeps appliances and equipment running smoothly. During Electrical Safety Month, Rock Energy Cooperative would like to remind you of some very important electrical safety tips to avoid hazards both indoors and outdoors.



## Staying Safe on the Road

**Downed power lines can be caused by things such as wind, storms, animals, or an auto accident. If you come across a down power line, here's what to do:**

- Call 9-1-1 to report it and stay in your car.
- Wait in your vehicle until an electric utility crew member says it is safe to get out.
- Do not drive over a downed power line—doing so could cause a domino effect and bring down other lines, poles and equipment.
- The only time you should exit is if your vehicle or cab is on fire. If this is the case, make a solid jump from the car or cab without touching it, landing with both feet together. Then, hop away with your feet together as far as you can.

## Staying Safe Indoors

**When it comes to indoor electrical safety, never overload outlets or circuits, as they may not be able to handle the load. Here are some other indoor electrical safety tips:**

- Have a qualified electrician/licensed contractor check for hazards if you notice the following: dimming lights, a sizzling or buzzing sound, the smell of warm plastic, a switch plate that feels warm or looks scorched, sparks when plugging in or unplugging items or circuits that trip often.
- Do not overstretch a cord or use frayed or damaged cords.
- During storms, lightning can enter homes through corded phones, televisions, radios or computers. Lightning can also travel through plumbing, so do not take a bath, shower or wash dishes when you see lightning strikes.
- Unplug appliances/electronics before the storm (if you can). Surges caused by lightning can damage electronics and appliances.



## Staying Safe Outdoors

**When working outside, keep in mind these important safety tips:**

- Keep yourself and any items you are carrying or using at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.
- Carry an extension ladder or other far-reaching tools or equipment horizontally.
- All outside outlets should be ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected.
- Before digging, call 8-1-1 or your state's underground locating service to have buried lines (electric, gas, water, sewer and other lines) marked.
- When you see lightning, take shelter inside the house, shop or a hard-topped vehicle for protection. Stay away from high places and items that conduct electricity (like metal fences).



### REC OFFICES CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Rock Energy Cooperative offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 31. Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices throughout the holiday weekend. Even though our offices are closed, crews are always available 24 hours a day. If you need to report a power outage or natural gas emergency, please call 866-752-4550.

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# A Message About Natural Gas Safety

## ATTENTION LANDLORDS, TENANTS & HOME OWNERS

***Natural gas is safe when properly used. If you're moving in, remodeling, or adding new appliances, here are some tips to help you stay safe when working with natural gas:***

- Inspections of appliances and appliance hook ups should be done after each tenant or the previous homeowner moves out. Especially when a service is being transferred without the gas service being disconnected by Rock Energy.
- Prior to turning gas on, inspect all appliances and all appliance hookups. If an appliance is not currently hooked up, verify that the connection is capped or plugged, and the valve to the connection is off.
- Have a qualified contractor inspect furnaces, vents, appliance connectors and chimneys for corrosion and blockages at least every other year.
- Install and maintain at least one carbon monoxide detector on each floor of a home or business.
- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher in the kitchen.

## APPLIANCES

Make sure to clean range tops by washing burners with water and mild detergent. See if gas range flames are crisp, quiet, and blue. Yellow flames indicate a need for adjustment. If you have orange or yellow flames check to make sure your burners are clean. It could also be your humidifier, which (when on) seem to turn gas range flames from blue to orange. Turn off your humidifier, that may do the trick.



## WATER HEATER & FURNACE

Check water heater air intakes, drainpipes, controls, and flue to ensure they are unobstructed. Set water heater temperature to 120 degrees F to prevent scalding. Keep areas around furnaces and water heaters clean and free of clutter and flammable liquids. Clean or replace air filters in heating systems at least annually.



**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT  
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