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## Allamakee-Clayton Electric Co-op Youth Tour Winners Announced

Western Dubuque High School junior Bryce Kelly and Starmont High School sophomore Ben Gelner have been selected by Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative (ACEC) to attend the annual Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C.

Kelly is the son of Andy and Corey Kelly. They reside in the Holy Cross area. Gelner, the son of Chris and Meg, lives outside of Strawberry Point. The two were selected by a panel of judges to go on the all-expense-paid Youth Tour trip. They will depart for Des Moines for orientation June 14 before leaving for Washington D.C. They return on June 20.

In late March, ACEC Youth Tour applicants met personally with the judges. The candidates were quizzed on their knowledge of rural electrification and the Cooperative form of business.

Kelly and Gelner will travel to Washington, D.C. with nearly 40 other students from Iowa and close to 2,000 other high school sophomores and juniors from across the nation for this once-in-a-lifetime trip to learn more about the history of rural electrification. During their time in the Nation's Capital, they will go on a boat tour on the Potomac River, visit the National Mall, Ford's Theater, the Holocaust Memorial, the White House, George Washington's Mount Vernon, see the Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery and meet with Iowa legislators at the Capitol Building.

All high school sophomore and junior students whose parents or legal guardians are members of ACEC are eligible to participate in the Youth Tour contest. Information on the 2027 contest will be available from the Cooperative and in the offices of area high school guidance counselors beginning in December. Additional information is available at [acrec.com](http://acrec.com) and [youthtour.coop](http://youthtour.coop).

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