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BEMC ANNOUNCES COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FOR 2018

Co-op Awards \$10,000 to Local High School Seniors

Supply, N.C., June 1, 2018 - Each year Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) awards two \$5,000 scholarships to graduating seniors; one from Brunswick County and one from the Columbus County area. Recipients for 2018 are Russ H. Gore from West Brunswick High School, son of Jon and Mary Anne Gore of Ocean Isle Beach, and Charlotte M. Gore from South Columbus High School, daughter of William and Jodi Gore of Whiteville.

This popular scholarship program garnered 38 qualified applicants from all area high schools. Russ and Charlotte were selected based on a combination of academic achievement, participation in community and school activities, SAT scores, letters of reference and a 1,500 word essay on the topic of the cooperative difference.

Don Hughes, CEO and General Manager of Brunswick Electric, said, "While we recognize the importance of supporting education at all levels, BEMC's Scholarship Highway program helps young people like Russ and Charlotte pursue their higher education goals. Now in its tenth year, we have a growing group of scholarship winners who are having very successful college experiences and going on to achieve great things."

Russ will attend Bowdoin College in Maine and Charlotte will attend UNC Chapel Hill in the fall of 2018.

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BEMC is a locally owned and operated not-for-profit corporation. It is the second largest cooperative in North Carolina serving more than 97,000 member locations in Brunswick, Columbus, and parts of Bladen and Robeson counties. BEMC has a long-standing commitment to the communities it serves, providing support for a wide variety of activities that contribute to the quality of life for all citizens.