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# Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi's 35th YOUTH TOUR



A group of 63 rising high school seniors from all over Mississippi traveled to Washington, D.C. in June to attend the 2022 NRECA Youth Tour.

The trip was the culmination of the students' participation in the Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi's Youth Leadership program.

The program instills leadership skills, inspires creative thinking, encourages community service, and introduces students to lawmakers that represent their communities.

During the program workshop in Jackson in March, the students had the opportunity to meet and hear from state legislators. During

the trip to Washington, D.C., the students met and spoke with their U.S. senators - Roger Wicker and Cindy Hyde-Smith.

While in Washington, D.C., the students and adult chaperones visited historic sites, monuments, and museums; explored Capitol Hill, and had an opportunity to learn about the impact electric cooperatives have on their communities.

The students were chosen by their hometown electric cooperatives. The Youth Leadership Program is fully funded - including the trip to D.C. - by the local electric cooperatives as a commitment to molding future leaders for Mississippi and the state's local communities.

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A. (From left to right) Central Electric Youth Tour students Hayden Coates, Cailee Bracewell, and Sydnee Killen stand in front of The Albert Einstein Memorial, a bronze sculpture, in Washington, D.C. B. Cailee Bracewell, Hayden Coates, and Sydnee Killen pose for a photo in front of the Iwo Jima Memorial at The U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial. C. The students stand in front of the White House during their D.C. trip. D. The Central Electric Youth Tour students take a photo at the U.S. Capitol.