# WATT'S UP MAY 2023



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO LPEA'S 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

These seven local high school students were selected out of 43 applicants to receive funding to continue their education. LPEA is honored to empower our future workforce!

LPEA SCHOLARSHIP (\$28,000 FOR A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY) AWARDED TO:



Eliza Bosmans from Durango High School to study computer and mechanical engineering. She has been accepted to the Colorado School of

Mines, Purdue University, and Georgia Institute of Technology, among others. "I am honored and grateful to receive this scholarship which is making my dream of studying at a top engineering school possible. I am proud to represent LPEA and my community."

**Rio Edmonson** from GOAL High School to study political and environmental science at Eckerd College. "I am thrilled and honored to receive the LPEA



scholarship, which will allow me to attend an institution I may not have otherwise been able to attend. I am very grateful for this opportunity and for the support of my local community." LPEA LINEWORKER SCHOLARSHIP (\$12,000 FOR LINEWORKER SCHOOL) AWARDED TO:



Justin Rivas from Pagosa Springs High School to study to become a journeyman at Northwest Lineman College. "In the middle of the storm, it's good

to have friends in high places. The day I heard I got granted this scholarship was the best day of my life."

## TRI-STATE G&T SCHOLARSHIP (\$500 FOR ANY SCHOOL) AWARDED TO:

**Sophia Maines** from Durango High School to study electrical and nuclear engineering at the University of New Mexico. "I know that my education and career



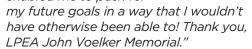
goals will be expensive and challenging but rewarding. I'm glad I have local support to put a dent in the price tag."



Zane Ross from Ignacio High School to study to become an electrician at Lincoln Technical College. "This scholarship means everything to me. With

it, I can advance my education and continue to work toward accomplishing my goals and aspirations." LPEA JOHN VOELKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$10,000 FOR A VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, JUNIOR COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY) AWARDED TO:

Rebekah Latham from Durango High School to study business and agriculture at Colorado Mesa University Western Community College. "This scholarship has enabled me to push for



**Aiden Rosenberg** from Durango High School to study physics and aerospace engineering at Colorado School of Mines. "As a scholar, I firmly believe that scholarships serve not



only as a means of financial assistance but also as an investment towards my future. This support is crucial in helping me seek erudite endowments, giving me the subsequent impact to create positive change for my community."

These students will be recognized by the LPEA Board of Directors at our annual meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2023.



**When:** Thursday, June 8, 2023. Member registration begins at 4 p.m. Member voting is from 4 to 5 p.m. The meeting starts at 5 p.m.

**Where:** LPEA headquarters in Bodo Park. Virtual attendance is also available.

We'll announce the 2023 director election results and have pie, door prizes, a live Q & A, and presentations on LPEA's 2022 accomplishments and future direction.

More at Ipea.coop/annual-meeting

#### **MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH!**



Electricity is part of our daily lives. So much so that we often forget it is a dangerous force to be respected. During Electrical Safety Month, remember the following tips to help you avoid electrical hazards.

#### STAY SAFE ON THE ROAD

- If you see a downed power line, call
   911 to report it and stay in your car.
- Do not drive over a downed power line.
- The only time you should exit your car when near a downed line is if your vehicle or cab is on fire. In that case, jump clear of the car and then shuffle your feet until you are 50 feet away from the downed line.

#### STAY SAFE OUTSIDE

- Keep yourself and any equipment at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.
- Make sure that all outside outlets are ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected.
- Before digging, even as little as six inches, contact 811.

#### STAY SAFE INSIDE

- Be aware that electrical equipment can spark when flammable vapors, gases, or dust are present.
- Do not overstretch a cord or use frayed or damaged cords.
- Use surge protectors and unplug appliances and electronics during lightning storms.

For more information on electrical safety, visit **SafeElectricity.org or lpea.coop/safety-resources** 





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The latest news, services, programs, and resources from LPEA. Have a question or comment? Email us at comments@lpea.coop.



#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

May 17 (virtual), June 14 (hybrid) 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.\*

The agenda, access, and location details will be posted online in advance. Public comments are heard at the beginning of the meeting shortly after 9 a.m.

More at: Ipea.coop/Ipea-board-directors-resources



#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

LPEA committee meetings change regularly to accommodate board member schedules. For upcoming meeting dates and times visit:

lpea.coop/board-committees

\*All meetings are open to the public. Meetings may be held in person, virtually, or both. Visit Ipea.coop for the most up-to-date details.



#### **CLOSURES**

May 29 - Memorial Day



## **LPEA GRANTS**The Round Up Foundation Board

of Directors approved three grants totaling \$7,500 in March.
Approved Round Up Grants were for the Durango Arts Center.
Approved Educational Grants were for the Dancing Spirit, Inc, and Upper San Juan Search and Rescue.