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Wake Electric awards Bright Ideas grants

Area teachers and their students will benefit from nearly \$50,000 in grants from Wake Electric's Bright Ideas® Program. The grants are funded through money from both the Cooperative's Operation Round-Up® program and joint sponsorship with N.C.



**BRIGHT
IDEAS**

Electric Membership Corporation. The grants provide money for innovative classroom projects which are not funded by normal school budgets.

"Wake Electric is proud that we are able to support education in our communities, and the Bright Ideas Program is one of the best ways," says General Manager Jim Mangum.

Since the program began in 1994, Wake Electric has awarded more than \$330,000 in Bright Ideas Grants. This year's winners include the following teachers and the name of their classroom projects:

Edwin P. Davis, Needham Broughton High,
Robonova: The Humanoid Robot

Katherine Woody, Longview, *Classroom Jeopardy!*

Barnanne Creech, Zebulon Middle, *2x2=PE4Me*

Monica Scott, Timber Drive Elementary,
Sitting on the Sounds

Trisha Dillon, Pleasant Union Elementary,
Hands On Learning

Beverly S. Almond, Moore Square Museums
Middle School, *Getting Graphic @ the School Library*

Carrie Beach, Durant Road Elementary,
Language Inclusion in the Classroom

Maureen Walker, Timber Drive Elementary,
Teaming Up for Student Success

Suzanne F. Dixon, Middle Creek Elementary,
Special Books for Special Kids

Jamila Bowser, Lowe's Grove Middle,
Air\Water Bottle Rockets for MSEN\SECME
Pre College Academy, Science, and Technology Classes

Su Leone, Wilton Elementary, *Keyboards for Kids*
Bethany Coelho, Smithfield-Selma High,
Life Skills Restaurant

Michelle McGhee, Franklinton Elementary,
The Sky's The Limit

Elizabeth L. Gainey, North Johnston Middle,
Birdwatching!! Just One Look...and I was Hooked!!

Kimberly Wood, Terrell Lane Middle,
Learning Employability Skills for Life

Alexa Camaione, Corinth Holder Elementary,
Visual Teaching and Learning through Technology

Tammy Macomson, Central Park School for
Children, *Pondering: Shining a Light on Nature*

Sandra O'Berry, West Smithfield Elementary,
Book Bins Beat the Writing Blues

Rosemary Harris, Timber Drive Elementary,
Plant it, Grow it, Know it!

Bobbie Lequire, C G Credle Elementary,
Traveling Tech Class

David LaCrosse, South Granville High,
Discover the Geology of Occoneechee Mountain

Leah Perry-Lawless, Exploris Middle,
To be a Citizen

Leah Williams, Micro-Pine Level Elementary,
Music Technology, Projecting the Future

Tommy Kemp, Franklinton High,
Horsing Around for Knowledge

William J. Wirth, Burton Elementary,
WGEO Digital Television Show

Karen Stryker, Corinth Holder Elementary,
GPS Geocaching Science Kit

Roxanne Gallup, Royal Elementary,
NOW - Numbers and Operations Work

Brian Wood, William G Enloe High,
PDF - Project Biodiesel Fuel

Lucy Deeprose, Wake Forest Elementary,
Growing Green Hair

Robin Boltz, South Granville High, *History, C&E TV*

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From Your Manager...

Wake Electric is committed to our community

One of the seven guiding principles for the cooperative way of doing business is concern for the community. Electric cooperatives across the nation have practiced this principle for more than 65 years and continue to make a difference in the communities we serve.

This commitment is unique to cooperatives and allows up to outshine the actions of some utility companies who have closed their service offices and cut back on service. Wake Electric and its employees are dedicated to the local commitment of building stronger communities.

A prime example is in our contribution to area schools through the Bright Ideas® Grant Program and Classroom Technology Awards. Since the Bright Ideas Program began in 1994, Wake Electric has awarded more than \$330,000 to help teachers bring innovative classroom projects to thousands of area students.

Wake Electric also sponsors high school students to attend Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. where they meet congressional legislators and learn about their government. Additionally, Wake Electric's Scholarship and Give Us an "A" Program also involve local students in our service area.

Wake Electric is a local company, with local employees who listen and respond to you, our

member-owners. Co-op employees are involved in a vast array of activities such as working with volunteer fire and rescue squads, supporting the United Way and helping at local schools.

Wake Electric is committed to you when it comes to providing service. Whether it is an energy audit to evaluate the efficiency of your home and appliances, or providing you with information on how to lower your electricity bill, Wake Electric is dedicated to providing you with superior service.

These are just a few examples Wake Electric's commitment to community and our member-owners.

As 2006 draws to an end, we want to personally thank you for your continued support and patronage. This is your business, and we appreciate the opportunity to serve you. We hope you and your family have a safe, joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year.



Jim Mangum

Bright Ideas grants (continued)

Erika Murphy Newkirk, Southwest Elementary, *Don't Sit, Get Fit!*

Frank McKay, Exploris Middle, *Our Urban Wetlands- past, present, and future*

Jeffrey LaCosse, South Granville High, *Spectroscopic Water Quality Measurements*

Laura A. Keith, Butner-Stem Middle, *Never Again on My Watch Part II*

Emily Freeman, Creedmoor Elementary, *E-Pals From England*

Elizabeth Logan, Princeton High, *DataQuest*

John Bond, Brentwood Elementary, *Pick-up the Beat - Dual Language Immersion in Math & Music*

Katie C Tatum, Terrell Lane Middle, *Water What Ifs*

Dana Ewell, Southern Vance High, *Music Technology Lab*

Wake Electric would like to thank all of the teachers that participated in this year's Bright Ideas Grant Program. Congratulations to our recipients.

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Classroom Technology Awards given to area teachers

Wake Electric's third annual Classroom Technology Awards program was a success, supporting local teachers with the funds they need to purchase high tech equipment for their classrooms.

The projects were funded through Operation RoundUp® and by our co-op's members and employees. Educators were awarded \$17,000 for their recent projects. This year's recipients of Classroom Technology Awards are listed below. Congratulations to all of the participants.

Dana King, Wilton Elementary,
Project Your Learning

David Sander, Wake Forest-Rolesville High,
Smart Board—Smarter Students

Tommy Kemp, Franklinton, *Hey, Look at Me!*

Chris Wright, Cedar Creek Middle, *One for All*

Maria Styers, Franklinton High,
A Feast for the Eyes

Donna Jones, Edward Best Elementary,
You Can Be A STAR!

Roxanne Gallup, Royal Elementary,
Picture It With Words

Beverly Jones, Little River Elementary,
"Communicate In Our Community"

Katherine Midkiff, George L. Carrington Middle
"Watch, Listen & Learn"

Karen Waller, Timber Drive Elementary,
Let's Get Digital!

Cullus Dunston, Terrell Lane Middle,
TLMS Print Shop

Kimberly Wood, Terrell Lane Middle,
We Are the Boss!

Carol Nata, Leesville Road High,
When Will We Ever Use This?

Amy Whitaker, Leesville Road High,
Calculator Literacy

Michelle McGhee, Franklinton Elementary,
Unlimited Technology

Michelle McGhee, Franklinton Elementary,
Who's in the News!

Stacey Kropff, Lufkin Road Middle,
Making a 21st Century Class Fit with 21st Century Students

Wake Electric remembers board member for service

Wake Electric would like to remember and recognize Ms. Husketh, who passed away on October 23, 2006.

Ms. Husketh served on the board for Wake Electric for 16 years. She retired in January 2006.



Just a phone call away...

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(919) 863-6499 or (800) 743-3155

- Regular Office Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Telephone Hours: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday at (919) 863-6300 or (800) 474-6300
- Underground locating service, call N.C. One-Call Center at (800) 632-4949
- Interactive customer service line for inquiries on accounts or to report outages from a touch-tone phone: (919) 863-6499 or (800) 743-3155

Wake Electric and its subsidiaries will be closed for the holidays on December 25 and 26, and January 1, 2007. Employees will be on call during this time. Have a safe and joyous holiday season.



Wake Electric's Annual Meeting requirements

Excerpts from Wake Electric's bylaws relating to voting, proxies, director qualifications, districts and nominations are listed below for the Annual Meeting scheduled for March 23, 2007. A complete copy of the bylaws is available upon request.

Article IV-Section 4.01 Number and General Powers.

The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board consisting of nine (9) directors, which shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such as are by law or by the Cooperative's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

Article III-Section 3.06 Voting.

Each member who is not in a status of suspension...shall be entitled to one vote...Voting by members other than members who are natural persons shall be allowed upon the presentation...of satisfactory evidence entitling the person...to vote. A person entitled to cast the vote of such an entity, who is also himself a member, may vote his own membership as well as that of the entity here presents. At all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present, all questions shall be decided by a majority of the members voting there-on in person or by proxy, except as otherwise provided...

Article III-Section 3.07 Proxies.

At any meeting of the members...any member...may vote by proxy...if such proxy (a) is registered...before or at the time of the meeting... (b) is executed by the member in writing and designates the holder thereof...which holder(s)...shall be the member's spouse, an adult close relative (18 years or older) residing in the same household as the member, or another member... and (c) specifies the particular meeting...no person shall vote as proxy for more than five (5) members...Whenever a member is absent from a meeting...but whose spouse attends such meeting, such spouse shall be deemed to hold, and may exercise and vote... unless such member has given a written proxy to some other person...

Article IV-Section 4.02 Qualifications.

Any member shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative save and except those who:

(a) While serving on the Board or during the ten (10) years preceding his or her nomination thereto shall have been finally adjudged to be guilty of a felony; or (b) Are or become a close relative of an incumbent director or of an employee of the Cooperative, PROVIDED, no incumbent director shall lose eligibility to remain a director or to be re-elected as a director if he or she becomes a close relative of another incumbent director or of a Cooperative employee because of marriage to which he or she was not a party; or

(c) Have not continuously been, for at least two (2) years prior to his or her nomination, or who have ceased after his or her election to be, a member in good standing of the Cooperative, receiving service there from at his or her primary residential abode in the Directorate District from which he or she is elected, PROVIDED, that the

operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his or her designee, shall, notwithstanding that he or she does not receive service from the Cooperative at his or her primary residential abode, be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he (or she) or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative, BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one

(1) person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time); or

(d) Are removed by a majority vote of the remaining directors, in accordance with the procedures hereinafter set forth; or (e) Are not at least eighteen (18) years old; or (f) Are or within the past ten years have been employed by the Cooperative; (g) Are or within the past ten years have been employed by any subsidiary of the Cooperative; (h) Are or within the past five years have been employed by any cooperative, corporation, limited liability company or other organization or legal entity in which the Cooperative is a member; (i) Are or within the past five years have been employed by any cooperative, corporation, limited liability company or other organization or legal entity in which the Cooperative is a stockholder owning or in control of two percent or more of the outstanding interest in such entity; or (j) Are or within the past ten years have been in any way:

(1) employed by or hold a substantial financial interest in a competing enterprise, or (2) a vendor selling supplies to the Cooperative;

(k) Are or within the past ten years have been in any way employed by or hold a substantial financial interest in a business selling electric energy to the Cooperative or a business substantially engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures, supplies or wiring primarily to the members of the Cooperative. (l) Are or within the past five years have been employed by, or worked primarily as a consultant to, any other electric, telephone, natural gas or other utility company, including generation companies and power marketers, or any trade association or governmental agency or entity which deals with utility services including, but not limited to, other electric membership corporations, investor-owned utilities or municipally-owned utilities.

Article IV-Section 4.05 Directorate Districts.

District One is an at-large district that includes the Cooperative's entire service area.

District Two is that portion of the Cooperative's service area located in Wake County east of N.C. Highway 50; north of the Neuse River; west of U.S. Highway 1 until it intersects with U.S. Highway 1-A south of Wake Forest, then west of U.S. 1-A.

District Three is that portion of the Cooperative's service area located in Franklin, Granville and Vance and Counties north of N.C.

Highway 56.

District Four is that portion of the Cooperative's service area located in Durham, Granville and Wake Counties south of N.C. Highway 56; west of N.C. Highway 50.

District Five is an at-large district that includes the Cooperative's entire service area.

District Six is that portion of the Cooperative's service area located in Wake and Franklin Counties east of U.S. Highway 1 until it intersects with U.S. Highway 1-A south of Wake Forest and then east of U.S. Highway 1-A; south of SR 1100; west of U.S. Highway 401; and north of the Neuse River.

District Seven is that portion of the Cooperative's service area located in Granville and Franklin Counties east of N.C. Highway 50; south of N.C. Highway 56; and west of Highway 1-A; north of N.C. State Road 1100; and north of N.C. Highway 98.

District Eight is that portion of the Cooperative's service area located in Wake and Franklin Counties north of the Neuse River; east of U.S. Highway 401; south of N.C. State Road 1100; and south of N.C. Highway 98.

District Nine is that portion of the Cooperative's service area located in Johnston and Nash Counties.

Section 4.06 Nominations

The Board of Directors shall appoint the Committee on Nominations and resolutions at least 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Committee on Nominations, consisting of nine (9) members of the Cooperative, who are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director, who are not close relatives (as hereinafter defined) or members of the same household, thereof...The General Manager shall convene the Committee and it shall be the duty of the Committee to meet and prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) with respect to each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected with respect to any Directorate District as it deems desirable...Any fifteen (15) or more members of the cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted...

Section 4.07. Voting for Directors.

In the election of directors, each member shall be entitled to cast the number of votes (but not cumulatively) which corresponds to the total number of directors to be elected, but no member may vote for more nominees than the number of directors that are to be elected from or with respect to any particular Directorate District...