

# News Release

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**Electric Cooperatives  
of Arkansas**

## **Bradley student attends electric cooperatives youth leadership program in Washington**

Dianna Cartwright of Bradley recently attended the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) Conference of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Cartwright represented Arkansas during the conference, which took place on July 18-22 in Washington, D.C. The conference agenda included leadership and team building exercises, meetings with Capitol Hill staff members who are alumni of the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, and a competition to select the NRECA's National Youth spokesperson.

Cartwright was selected as the Arkansas YLC representative while attending the 2009 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington in June. She was chosen by the tour chaperones because of the outstanding leadership skills she demonstrated during the tour. The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas, which include Southwest Arkansas Electric Cooperative based in Texarkana, sponsored the Arkansas group on the Youth Tour. Cartwright and her family are members of Southwest Arkansas Electric Cooperative.

In addition to the YLC Conference, Cartwright is one of 44 members of the YLC who will participate in the 2010 NRECA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Ga. The YLC will provide assistance to the NRECA staff and cooperative delegates; participate in the Parade of States at the opening general session and take part in a variety of educational activities.

NRECA is the national service organization representing the nation's more than 900 private, consumer-owned electric cooperatives, which provide electric service to 42 million people in 47 states.

The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas comprise 17 electric distribution cooperatives; Arkansas Electric Cooperatives Inc. (AECI), a Little Rock-based cooperative that provides various services to the distribution cooperatives; and Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. (AECC), a generation and transmission cooperative. The distribution cooperatives provide electricity to approximately 500,000 members, or customers, in Arkansas and surrounding states.

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