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Tideland EMC awards local scholarships

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Pantego—Tideland Electric Membership Corporation recently selected eight area high school seniors who will each receive a \$1,000 non-renewable college scholarship. Funding is provided by the co-op's non-profit foundation, the Tideland Electric Care Trust.

Winners are Thaddeus Van Essendelft, Heather Gill, Laura Basnight, Hannah Byrd, Jessica Bagley, Caroline Welles, Don Williamson and Adam Fulcher.

Van Essendelft, a senior at Terra Ceia Christian School, will attend Dordt College in Iowa where he will major in civil engineering. He is the son of Bernie and the late Monique Van Essendelft.

Gill and Basnight will both graduate from Mattamuskeet High School. Gill will attend UNC-Chapel Hill where she plans to study speech therapy. She is the daughter of Lawrence and Mary Gill of Swan Quarter. Basnight plans to pursue a double major in history and business at UNC-Wilmington. Her parents are Edward and Tina Basnight of Swan Quarter.

Byrd and Bagley will both attend Beaufort County Community College following graduation from Pungo Christian Academy. Byrd will pursue a college transfer degree. She is the daughter of Anson and Lora Byrd of Fairfield. Bagley will study business administration and is the daughter of Leroy and Sherry Stotesbury of Pantego.

Welles, a Pamlico County High School (PCHS) senior, will attend UNC-Chapel Hill where she plans to major in chemistry. She is the daughter of Paul and Nancy Welles.

Williamson, also a PCHS senior, will major in engineering at East Carolina University. He is the son of Steven and Susan Williamson.

Fulcher, who will graduate from West Craven High School, is the son of Rayford and Sheila Fulcher. He plans to study livestock and poultry husbandry at North Carolina State University.

Tideland EMC is a member-owned, not for profit electric cooperative serving 22,800 accounts in six eastern North Carolina counties.

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