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## EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

Two important pillars in the cooperative world are education and concern for community.

In fact, these items make up two of our Seven Cooperative Principles. We've talked about these principles in our pages before—cooperatives around the world operate according to these core values, setting them apart from other electric providers and businesses.

With this being said, Adams-Columbia will begin accepting applications in January for our educational scholarship program. ACEC scholarships have been awarded for over 30 years now. We are particularly proud of the young people and leaders desiring to learn more in our communities. Our hope is that the 75-plus scholarships that are awarded annually continue to fund the brilliant minds of our future.

Applications and additional details can be found on our website at [www.acecwi.com](http://www.acecwi.com). Scholarships are awarded in all fields of post-secondary education.

Both adult members and their children or guardians are encouraged to apply after January 1, 2019.

### Riverside

Another important past mention is our cooperative's investment in Alliant's West Riverside Energy Center. We are awaiting the completion of this highly efficient natural gas facility, which has a scheduled completion date of 2019. Riverside will emit less than half of the carbon dioxide, two-thirds less nitrogen, and 99 percent less sulfur and mercury than traditional coal-fired facilities. ACEC has purchased 30-megawatts of ownership in this facility with the hopes of helping to stabilize rates in the future. We will also own 80kW of the new solar array garden being built at Riverside.

### Becoming a Director

Last month I mentioned upcoming information on the annual meeting and election of the board of directors. The following pages contain information on the easy process of running for the board along with our Annual Meeting Save the Date.



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### Local Child Designs Christmas Card

I would like to extend a special recognition to Mrs. Keller and her fourth-grade art class at Adams-Friendship Elementary School. We asked students to create a special holiday drawing for us with the intention of selecting one of these drawings for our card this year. Miss Bella Rotar's artwork was selected as the winner.

The holidays are a busy time. I hope that you are able to spend some quality time with your friends and family this year. Here's to a happy holiday and a healthy New Year to each of our valued members.



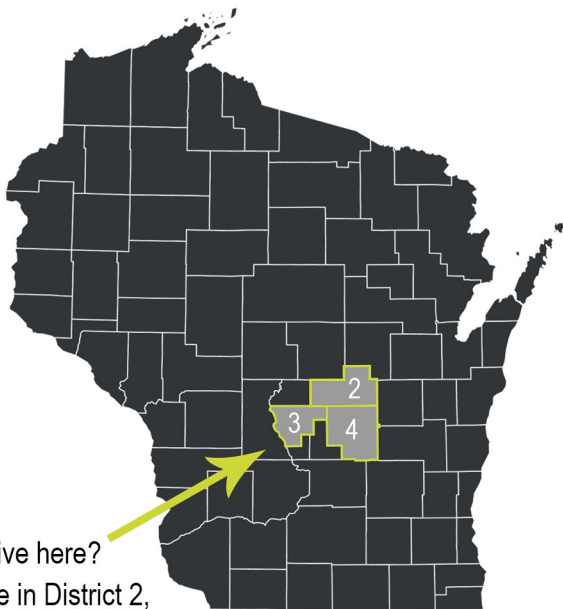
When I explained to Bella, age 9, that her drawing was going to be on a Christmas card, her response was, "I'm a famous celebrity!" She added, "I made sure to put these lights on the Christmas tree because of the electric company... maybe I should have put a scarf on Rudolph so he doesn't get cold?" At left are all the artists in Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Bilderback's fourth-grade class.



# YOU should be a director

Have you ever thought about running for Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors? Check out this information on running for the board in 2019.

## Who Can Run?



Do you live here?  
If you live in District 2, 3, or 4 you are eligible to run!

## How to Run

- **25 Signatures**  
Collect signatures on a petition - turn it in to the office by 2/8/19.
- **Biography**  
Answer a few questions for our magazine and newsletter to help members get to know you and decide who they should vote for.
- **Speech**  
Give a short 1-2 minute speech at the Annual Meeting before voting.

## Once You're Elected

Attend a half day orientation

Attend monthly board meetings

Training: Credited Cooperative Director Certificate - 5 classes within 2 terms (6 years)

## Advantages of being a Board Member

- ▶ Make important decisions about the co-op
- ▶ 3 year term - no need to run every year
- ▶ Compensation for attending meetings and training
- ▶ Opportunities to attend state & national conferences
- ▶ IRS mileage reimbursement

Interested in running? Email [lmohns@acecwi.com](mailto:lmohns@acecwi.com) or call (608) 339-5401.





## the Gift of Light

Perfect for the hard to shop for person on your list. Apply a credit and a personalized message to someone's electric account this holiday season.

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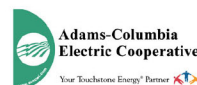
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# ANNUAL MEETING

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The Friendship Service Center is located in the Village of Friendship, in Adams County. From Highway 13, travel east three blocks on East Lake Street. Lake Street is also marked as County Highway J.

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative maintains operations facilities in Pardeeville and Wautoma. These facilities are not open for general business; however, drive-up payment stations are available at both locations. ACEC employees will meet with cooperative members in Pardeeville and Wautoma by prearranged appointment only.