

2011 SIEC Youth to Washington Tour

Crystal Davis of Anna, Brock Moore of Mounds, Michaela Penrod of Dongola and Lauren Taake of Ullin represented Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative in Washington, D.C., during the annual “Youth to Washington” Tour, June 10-17. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois since the late 1950s, is an introduction to our democratic form of government and cooperatives for rural youth.

The students met with Congressman Jerry Costello and were among 76 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. The Illinois students joined more than 1,500 young leaders from across the country. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited the Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, several Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, memorials to Presidents Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington and Roosevelt, the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, the National Archives, the Newseum and a number of other historical sites.

From left are Youth Day Winner Michaela Penrod, Miss SIEC Crystal Davis, Rep. Jerry Costello, Willie Student Lauren Taake and Youth Day Winner Brock Moore.

