

Local students represent Shelby Energy in Washington, D.C.

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In June, Shelby Energy school juniors who joined co-op students for a Washington, D.C. Our Collum of Waddy, KY and Pendleton, KY, joined America's best and representing electric

"I loved absolutely tour," said Abraham

Christian Education Consortium of Louisville. "Going to the places where the founding fathers were, really makes it all real. It makes you feel that all the things that you learned in school are true. It's a great feeling to stand in their footsteps."

Now in its 53rd year, the Youth Tour educates the delegates about the issues facing co-ops, encouraging them to come home to work in Kentucky and help lead the co-ops in to the future.

"My experience on the youth tour was an eye-opening look into our government, and electric co-ops nationwide," explains Will Kunselman of Trimble County High School."



Shelby Energy investing in it's not just in electrical development or the local commitment to community is members. We are proud to the young people we Washington, D.C. Youth

sponsored two local high 88 other Kentucky electric weeklong tour of student delegates, Abraham Will Kunselman of more than 1,800 of rural brightest high-schoolers cooperatives across America.

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The busy itinerary for the delegation included visits to national monuments, Smithsonian museums, the National Archives, a concert by the U.S. Navy Band, and the National Cathedral. While at Arlington National Cemetery, the Kentucky students laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Another highlight of the Washington Youth Tour is the opportunity for Shelby Energy students to interact with

Kentucky's congressional delegation, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senator Rand Paul and Congressmen Brett Guthrie, Andy Barr, Thomas Massie and James Comer.

"Talking with our senators and representative and getting to ask questions was great," Collum adds. "I am blessed to be one of the ones chosen to meet them."

"I made friendships and memories that will last a lifetime on the youth tour," Kunselman said. "I would like to thank Shelby Energy for selecting me and providing me with this once in a lifetime opportunity."

"The Washington, D.C. Youth Tour is an investment in our co-op youth and the future of the co-ops themselves," says Chris Perry, KAEC president. "We are so proud of these students. They impress us with their passion for their communities and our nation, and they give us hope for the future."

