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## Honoring Outstanding Students: 2016 Scholarship Recipients



Jasen Bronec, CEO

DMEA, like all cooperative businesses, operates according to the seven cooperative principles. First put in place in 1844 by the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers in England, these principles have guided co-ops to improve the quality of life for those they serve for more than a century. It is with great pleasure that I am able to showcase one of these principles in this month's newsletter.

The fifth principle is known as Education, Training, and Information. It states "cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so that they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation."

DMEA lives out this principal on a daily basis, from our safety demonstrations, to employee training, to board member certifications, to public efficiency seminars. But I can't think of

a better example than our scholarship program. Each year, we receive hundreds of applications from local high school and college students seeking financial aid for their studies. It is always rewarding to see how accomplished and knowledgeable our local students are.

This year, DMEA awarded \$24,200 in scholarships: all to local students pursuing a higher education. This was made possible through DMEA's unclaimed capital credits fund. As a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative, DMEA is unique in that if we collect excess revenue, above and beyond what it takes to operate the co-op, we give it back to you, our members, as capital credits. In some cases, members can't be reached to receive their capital credits. That money then goes into the unclaimed capital credits fund. These scholarships are just one method that DMEA uses to make sure that even unclaimed capital credits go back into our communities.

I ask you to join me in congratulating these students and their families. By supporting the academic goals of our youth, we help ensure the success of our future. DMEA is honored to help them follow their dreams.



Pictured left to right: Top: Jasen Bronec DMEA CEO, Matt Bussing, Dexter Flick, Trent Rose, Ashton Jones, Karen Rhode, Alexis Williams, Parker Liberato-Hall, Ashely VanVleet, Weldyn Allen, Bill Patterson Board President.

Bottom: Brianna Thompson, Nadia Proctor, Sara Jurca, Makenna Terrell, Katy Parsons, Monika Milton, Mckenzie Moore.

Not Pictured: Morgan Felix, Hadassa Graham.



# REACH NEW HEIGHTS

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**Businesses: the  
time is NOW to  
make the switch to**



Does your business have old, inefficient T12 lighting? If so, now may be the perfect time to make the change to LEDs! As of July 14, 2012, the United States barred the manufacture and import of most T12 fluorescent lamps. This includes most standard 4 and 8-foot T12 lamps and 2-foot T12 U lamps. What does this mean to you and your business? As your old T12 lights burn out or your ballasts fail, you will be forced to make the switch to more efficient lighting systems.

DMEA can help you make the switch now! We offer several commercial lighting rebates which help offset the cost of purchasing new LED lights for your business. Incentives are available for both interior and exterior lighting. They expire annually and are subject to change in 2017. As you begin to upgrade your lights, why not take advantage of DMEA's rebates? You'll also start saving money immediately on both your energy and maintenance costs.

Interested? Call one of DMEA's energy services personnel today to explore your options and learn more about the benefits of LED lighting. Or visit [www.dmea.com/content/commercial-rebates](http://www.dmea.com/content/commercial-rebates) to learn more!

## COMMERCIAL REBATES



- Commercial Lighting
- Street & Parking Lot Lighting
- LED Refrigerator Case Lighting
- Electric Heat Pumps
- Premium Electric Motors
- ECMs for Commercial Refrigeration
- Variable Frequency Drive Retrofits

If you are working on a commercial project that is outside of the items listed to left, contact us to see if we can help you with a custom project. Please contact DMEA at the beginning of your project, as many rebates have specific requirements. Our friendly energy services staff will be happy to assist you. Commercial, industrial, and agricultural energy audits are also available upon request. For more information about any of our energy efficiency programs or rebates, call our energy services department.

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# Solar Power for Small Budgets

DMEA has partnered with GRID Alternatives to develop a 150-kilowatt community solar array specifically for members qualified as low-income. Participants will be able to take advantage of locally produced solar power and experience long-term energy savings. Other benefits include energy efficiency and basic solar education, full support and paperwork assistance, and no maintenance or installation requirements for participants.

In order to qualify, you must be a DMEA member and your total household income must be at or below the following income guidelines.

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	\$34,000
2	\$38,850
3	\$43,700
4	\$48,550
5	\$52,450
6	\$56,350
7	\$60,250
8	\$64,100



There are no upfront costs to participate. A small portion of the savings you'll see on your bill will pay back into the program in order to help DMEA and GRID Alternatives continue providing access for qualified members. The size of your solar subscription will be based on your electricity use and bills from the past year. On average, participants will save up to 50% on their bill.

For more information or to see if you qualify, contact GRID Alternatives at 303-968-1326 or [Colorado@gridalternatives.org](http://colorado.gridalternatives.org).

## Home Cookin'

### Best Baked Beans

- Elaine Ooms, Cedaredge

**Ingredients:**

- 5 cans of Great Northern Beans
- 1 med onion chopped
- 1 lb bacon - fry and crumble
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3 tbsp dark molasses
- 3 tsp dry mustard

**Directions:**

Mix all ingredients. Put in crock pot. Cover and cook on low for 2 hours. Remove lid, cook on high for 2-4 hours. Stir occasionally. Serve warm or cold.

**Correction: Don't forget the beans in last month's recipe. In ingredients, add one 15 oz can of pinto beans drained and rinsed.**

### Share the Love!

Share your favorite family recipe and share the love with all of our members. We are especially looking for recipes that feature all of the local goods and food we produce right here in Western Colorado: apples, sweet corn, peaches, beans, cheese, wine... the list goes on. Please send your recipes to [phil.sanchez@dmea.com](mailto:phil.sanchez@dmea.com).



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#### Recipes Info:

Submit recipes, including your name, address, and phone number to:  
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