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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Washington Youth Tour Winners Selected

Ciara Ross, of Hertford, and Adam Lannon, of Camden, were both recently selected by Albemarle EMC to attend the Washington Youth Tour.

Ciara is an 11th-grade student at Perquimans County High School. Adam is an 11th-grade student from CamTech High School. The selection process required both students to submit an application and essay. Applicants were judged on the quality of their essays as well as their academic achievements and academic credentials.

Ciara received academic honors in 2009 and 2010. She is a teacher's cadet and a member of the Beta Club. In her spare time, she enjoys writing, reading and cooking. Her essay contemplated how difficult a world without electricity might be.

Adam placed 2nd in his class and 3rd in the nation at the National Junior Horticulture Association convention. He is vice president of the Camden Future Farmers of America Chapter, and he is platoon commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Junior Leadership Program. He is an honor roll student and has received the Virginian Pilot Scholastic Achievement Award and the Academic Excellence Award. He is a member of the soccer team, swim team and is involved in school plays. In his spare time, he enjoys swimming, golfing and lifting weights. Adam's essay explored the pros and cons of hydroelectric and nuclear power generation.

The Washington Youth Tour will be held June 11-17. On their trip, they will meet fellow winners from across the state at an orientation in Raleigh. From there, they will be off to the Youth Tour, where 1,500 winners from 38 states will attend. The youth tourists will have a busy time learning about electric cooperatives and how they are governed. They will meet with elected representatives and visit historic sites such as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Smithsonian Museum and Mount Vernon. The visit will also include a boat ride down the Potomac River, a dinner dance and a tour inside the White House.

Cutline: Adam Lannon was recently selected to attend the Washington Youth Tour. He is joined by CamTech High School Principal Ina Lane. Ciara Ross was selected to attend the Washington Youth Tour. She is congratulated by Perquimans High School Principal Chante' Lassiter.

