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M State Alumni - Giving Back

We are so proud our alumni as they spent time away from their own families to give back to a community in need. Thanks to all the Cooperatives in Minnesota who allowed their employees to participate in this great cause.

The following article was written by Heidi Kraska,

Lake Region Lineworkers Help Restore Power in Florida

After learning about the widespread damage caused by Hurricane Irma, Lake Region Electric Cooperative lineworkers Josh Haus, Lucas Bakken, Jed Evenson, and Ethan Kern knew they wanted to help.

Josh Haus, Lucas Bakken, Jed Evenson, and Ethan Kern. On Sunday, September 10th the group of four joined up with 10 other lineworkers from Minnesota electric cooperatives and started the trip southward. "Our drive down went pretty well. We stopped in Missouri first, got up the next day, and made it to Mississippi. We talked to the co-op throughout that time and got a plan ready," explains Josh Haus. "By the time we hit Florida though, the traffic was unbelievable. What was supposed to be a 7-hour drive that day turned into a 14-hour drive."

By the time the guys arrived at their destination, Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC) in Live Oak, Florida, it was already evening. That first night they set right to work, starting Tuesday around 5:30 p.m.

Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, located in the northern part of Florida, maintains over 4,300 miles of distribution lines. Out of 26,000 SVEC customers, an estimated 23,000 were without power in the wake of Hurricane Irma. "By the time we left a week later, power on their system was 98 percent restored. The only people who still didn't have power were those who needed electric work done," says Haus.

Much of the damage the Lake Region crew helped repair in Florida is similar to the damage Minnesota lineworkers can encounter here after 70-mile-per-hour straight-line winds blow through. The main difference was the widespread nature of the damage, which spanned SVEC's entire system.

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A representative from SVEC worked with each volunteer crew, showing them where to start working next and bringing them from location

to location. The lineworkers cut trees, replaced broken poles, and put up a substantial amount of wire. Each morning they would arrive at the co-op by 6 a.m. to start off their 16-hour work days.

"The greatest challenge for me was the heat and humidity we were working in," acknowledges Jed Evenson. "Most days it was around 90 to 95 degrees with 100 percent humidity. By the end of the week, you almost started to get used to it." The lineworkers say they were also wary of some of Florida's unique threats they were warned about when they first arrived. Venomous snakes, poisonous spiders, and even alligators can pose a threat to lineworkers while out on the job.

"I had never ventured outside of Lake Region's system to work on a storm before, so this was quite an experience," Evenson says. "Still, I would definitely do something like this again."

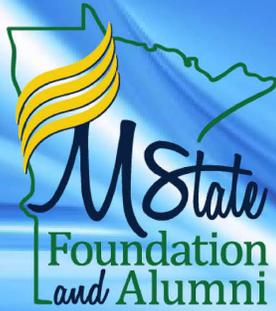
The long hours and the heat were countered by the incredible kindness the lineworkers say they experienced from both SVEC employees and customers.

"Everybody we met down there was very nice and very appreciative," says Ethan Kern. "Even when we were still on our way driving to Florida, we had people giving us the thumbs up in the slow traffic areas. People would roll their windows down and talk to us."

Jeff Haus adds, "Once we were there working, people would come out and bring us bottles of water or Cokes. One farmer even brought us some peanuts from his peanut field that he had harvested last year. The locals were so appreciative of what we were doing."

The guys say they were also impressed with the unbelievable hospitality they received from SVEC. When they arrived at the co-op each morning, a full breakfast was served for the approximately 150 people working on the hurricane restoration effort. Lunches were packed for the lineworkers to eat out on the job sites, and dinner was ready for them when they returned late in the evening.

After a full week in Florida, the Minnesota crew arrived back home on Thursday, September 21st. The lineworkers said they were excited to get back to their families, sleep in their own beds, and catch up on projects back home. They expressed their thankfulness for the opportunity to help people in need, unanimously agreeing that, "It's good to go, but also so good to get back."



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Save the Date



First Annual Electrical Line Worker Club Fundraiser
 Saturday, February 24
 5:30-7:30 pm: Dinner served by students
 8 pm: Raffle drawing
 Wadena Elks Lodge
 Proceeds support the Electrical Line Worker program on the Wadena campus

Save the Date



Holes for Poles

Seventh Annual Baudette Line Worker Scholarship Fish Fry Fundraiser
 Saturday, February 10
 American Legion, Baudette
 Tickets are \$10 and available at the door
 For more information, contact mstatefoundation@minnesota.edu

Save the Date



50th Anniversary
 1968-2018
 Electrical Technology Program
 Alumni and Faculty
 Dinner ♦ Program ♦ Entertainment
Friday, March 9
 Wadena Elks Lodge
 For more information, contact mstatefoundation@minnesota.edu

Save the Date



M State Third Annual Culinary Arts Gala
 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25
 M State Café Commons - Moorhead Campus
 Proceeds will benefit the Maynard Hemmah Culinary Arts Scholarship



Milwaukee Tool and NECA Partner to Donate Tools to M State Students

Students in the Electrical Technology program at Minnesota State Community and Technical College will benefit from the donation of more than \$5,000 worth of tools by Milwaukee Tool and the National Electrical Contractors Association.

Presenting the tools during a recent visit to the college's Moorhead campus were Peter Carlson of Milwaukee Tool, along with Curt Kasper and Ed Christian of NECA.

"It is important that companies such as Milwaukee Tool and NECA partner together to help students achieve their dreams," Carlson said. "The key is to maximize the students' time in the classroom by providing them the latest

equipment to help them be effective in a real job setting."

The Electrical Technology program, taught on the Moorhead campus, trains students for careers in the electrical industry. An advisory board comprised of local and regional industry members ensures students learn the skills needed by employers, and demand for graduates of the program is strong throughout the region.

Milwaukee Tool is one of NECA's premier partners in a sponsorship program connecting NECA members to leading companies in the electrical industry.





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*The meaning of
Life is to find
Your gift.
The purpose of
Life is to
Give it
Away!*
--Pablo Picasso



"By awarding me this scholarship you have lifted some of my financial burden, which will allow me to focus on my studies. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals as you have helped me."

~~M State Scholarship Recipient

Scholarships

How Scholarships Can Help

Helping make college affordable

M State Foundation and Alumni offers scholarships for first and second-year students based on a variety of factors that can include:

Minnesota State Community and Technical College students are awarded numerous scholarships through the two foundations, M State Foundation and alumni and Fergus Area College Foundation, which are dedicated to making college affordable for qualifying students.

- Financial need
- Academic standing
- Leadership
- Choice of career program
- Special skills or talents

How to Apply for a Scholarship

Thanks to the generosity of M State's supporters and alumni, the foundations are able to award more than 200 scholarships totaling over \$200,000 each year. Unlike loans, scholarships do not need to be repaid.

With only one online application, students are considered for all scholarships for which they qualify, so a separate application for each scholarship opportunity is not needed. Both full- and part-time students are eligible to apply. Visit <http://minnesota.edu/scholarships> for information and to apply for scholarships

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