

## Summary of my experience at Cullman Electric Cooperative

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I entered this program not knowing what to expect, and I experienced many positive moments and met some of the most friendly and gracious individuals in my professional career. The CEC is an extraordinary operation mostly because of the people behind the scenes. I was very impressed by the hospitality at every level and even more impressed by the family atmosphere prevalent in this group. Those served by the CEC should be proud to know that the people there take their jobs seriously and are determined to provide this area with superior electric service at all time in all conditions.

There are many skill sets being used at CEC. Technology of all types are in place at the Coop and all employees are adept at employing the various forms of hi-tech equipment necessary to perform their duties. The Coop is on the cutting-edge of technology in attempt to become more efficient as a utility provider and to lower costs for its members. Users of electricity from the CEC should rest assured that they are in good hands and are being served by top-notch individuals who value their customers immensely.

It has been my great pleasure to spend a week at the CEC in every department in the organization. I have witnessed many types of skill-sets and career paths that would interest people of all aptitudes. If an individual loses power in the CEC service area, they can be certain MANY people are working feverishly to remedy the situation. This week, I witnessed team-work, professionalism, technical know-how, and hospitality that far surpassed what could be expected. Cullman Coop members are fortunate to have such a dedicated team of individuals striving to keep "the light on." It was a great pleasure to spend a week with these wonderful people.

I would like to express my heart-felt thanks to the Cullman Chamber of Commerce, Wallace State, Cullman Area Work Solutions, and the Cullman Electric Coop for the opportunity to enhance my knowledge and potential as a teacher.