



# College Interns

College intern Kurtis Weber working on locating services and the mapping of electrical lines.

This summer, the co-op welcomes a few returning interns and welcomes several new faces as well. Gaining experience in a variety of roles within the co-op, these interns gain valuable, hands-on work experience and an opportunity to witness the inner-workings of a rural electric cooperative.

Kurtis Weber, son of Jim and Tammy Weber of Carrollton, is a Civil Engineering major at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. When asked his favorite part of his engineering internship, he replied, "I enjoy the opportunity to experience and learn many different jobs and processes that come together to provide power to rural homes."



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College intern Jacqueline Bingham above and interns Caleb Long, Kendall Ruyle, and Kaan Raif on the right.

Jacqueline Bingham, daughter of Wayne and Kristine Bingham from Griggsville, is currently attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign where she is on track for pre-physical therapy. She plans to pursue a doctorate physical therapy, and enjoys her internship where she is helping with the electronic filing of co-op records.

Kendall Ruyle, son of Patrick and Sherri Ruyle, is a finance major attending Illinois College. Growing up in Winchester, he likes that his engineering internship located in his hometown where he is able to see many friendly, familiar faces. He plans to pursue a masters degree in finance and to work toward a real estate license.

Kaan Raif, son of Ayca and Korhan Raif, attends Saint Louis University where he is a student in the biomedical engineering program. A Barry native, he plans to pursue a graduate degree after finishing his undergraduate studies. So far, his favorite parts of his engineering internship include

working in the field where he helps with mapping and assisting staking engineers.

Caleb Long, son of Craig and Kelly Long, attends Blackburn College where he studies computer science. The Bluffs native plans to pursue a job in computer engineering and hopes to apply some of the engineering experience he'll gain through this internship to a future professional role.

Jordan Harr, son of Andrea and Ric Harr of Carrollton, is a civil engineering major at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He plans on staying in the central Illinois region and working in the engineering field post-college, and enjoys interning with a company that serves his community members.



College intern Jordan Harr working on updating the mapping of co-op electrical lines.





## Summer Energy Efficiency Myth vs. Fact



- **Myth:** When I'm not home, keeping my air conditioner at a lower temperature throughout the day means it doesn't have to run harder to cool my home when I return.

**Fact:** To save energy, set your thermostat to a higher temperature during the day, and lower it when you return home.

- **Myth:** Closing vents on my central air conditioning system will boost efficiency.

**Fact:** Closing vents can cause the compressor to cycle too frequently and the heat pump to overload. You'll also use more energy.

- **Myth:** Ceiling fans don't help much when it is hot out.

**Fact:** If you use air conditioning, a ceiling fan will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 4°F with no reduction in comfort. Turn off ceiling fans when you leave the room. Remember that fans cool people, not rooms, by creating a wind chill effect.

- **Myth:** Bigger is always better when it comes to cooling equipment.

**Fact:** Too often, cooling equipment isn't sized properly and leads to higher electric bills. A unit that's too large for your home will not cool evenly and might produce higher humidity indoors.

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