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STEM Goes Red in eastern Kentucky



The American Heart Association's STEM Goes Red event in eastern Kentucky encourages young women to explore the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Jackson Energy President and CEO Carol Wright, at right, spoke at the event. Photos: Lisa Dotson

The American Heart Association introduced its STEM Goes Red event in eastern Kentucky and Jackson Energy was proud to be one of the sponsors. The goal of the event is to encourage young ladies from local school districts to explore opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math.

STEM Goes Red featured breakout sessions throughout the day on topics ranging from robots to aerospace to civil engineering. Students representing East Bernstadt Middle School, Lynn Camp Middle School, North Laurel Middle School, South Laurel Middle School and Knox County Middle School had the opportunity to explore hands-on activities, learn from professional leaders in the community and dream big about their futures.

The purpose of STEM Goes Red is to educate students about the nearly eight million science, technology, engineering and math jobs that are currently available throughout the United States. Not only are American students generally unprepared to fill these roles,



just three in 100 female undergraduate students continue to work in STEM fields after graduating.

Jackson Energy President and CEO Carol Wright participated in a panel discussion. The students heard firsthand of Wright's personal experiences, accomplishments and the challenges she encountered and overcame in the STEM field of engineering.

The young ladies in attendance were encouraged by all to follow their dreams and not let anything hold them back.



From left, Jackson Energy's April Renner, Brittany Montgomery, Lisa Smith and Lisa Baker volunteer at STEM Goes Red. Photo: Deanna Herrmann

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We are proud of every member of our dedicated team here at Jackson Energy and this month we take a moment to honor the dedication and professionalism of our lineworkers.

On the second Monday in April, electric cooperatives recognize Lineworker Appreciation Day.

I encourage you to join me on April 13 as Jackson Energy expresses our gratitude to our 39 lineworkers, the unsung heroes who work hard to maintain and repair our strong electrical infrastructure that ensures safe and reliable power to our homes and businesses.

The job requires physical strength and endurance, especially during the long hours of power restoration in extreme weather.

Yet for all of the physical strength required in this profession, the mental strength and focus of our lineworkers are crucial. Working with high-voltage lines on a daily basis requires extraordinary attention to detail and safety.

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Before our lineworkers begin any job assignment, we first assess the staffing and equipment needs. A mandatory job briefing discusses the objective, location of the worksite, potential hazards, nearest emergency help and if anyone besides Jackson Energy needs to be involved.

On April 13, please join me in expressing gratitude to these dedicated members of our community, and to the retired lineworkers who helped build the safe and reliable electrical system we enjoy today.

Please drop them a line April 13 —and use #ThankALineworker in your social media posts—to show support for our lineworkers who power our homes and businesses 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.



Carol Wright
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What will I be asked?

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1. Applicants must be at least a senior in high school.
2. Applicants shall enroll in the Somerset Lineman Training Center and begin the program by October 2020. The applicant chosen for the scholarship shall also acquire their CDL permit before beginning the program.
3. Applicants, their parents or legal guardians must be a Jackson Energy member with their primary residence or business served by the cooperative.
4. Students who apply for the scholarship will be required to interview with a Selection Committee consisting of Jackson Energy employees.
5. Scholarships will be paid directly to Somerset Community College—Lineman Training Program.
6. Applicants must not be a member of the immediate family of an employee or director of Jackson Energy. Immediate family is defined as a spouse or a child of an employee or director.
7. Applicants shall not be previous winners of the Jackson Energy Scholarship Essay Contest.
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