

# Satilla REMC Newsletter

## Satilla REMC Foundation Makes Donations to College Students and Programs

**T**he Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corp. (REMC) Foundation donated four checks totaling \$25,000 in December for education to benefit area communities and residents of southeast Georgia.

The generous donations will be used to support student and program success at South Georgia State College (SGSC), Wiregrass Georgia Technical College (WGTC) and Coastal Pines Technical College (CPTC) through student scholarships, program equipment, capital projects and other worthy investments that promote a highly skilled workforce. Funding for the monetary awards were made possible through voluntary contributions from Satilla REMC members who round up their monthly electrical services bills.

Representatives from Satilla REMC stopped by SGSC's Waycross campus in December to meet with the college's Advancement Team and presented a check in support of SGSC's faculty, staff and students. Jim Tucker, Satilla REMC Director of Customer Services and Power Supply, and Romeo Reyes, Satilla REMC President/CEO, presented Taylor Hereford, SGSC Director of Advancement, and Cathy Hand, SGSC Assistant Director of Advancement, with a check for \$10,000.

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From left, Jim Tucker, Satilla REMC Director of Customer Services and Power Supply; Taylor Hereford, South Georgia State College (SGSC) Director of Advancement; Cathy Hand, SGSC Assistant Director of Advancement; and Romeo Reyes, Satilla REMC President/CEO.



From left, Mona Mackenzie, Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Executive (WGTC) Director of Advancement; Jim Tucker, Satilla REMC Director of Customer Services and Power Supply; DeAnnia Clements, WGTC President; and Elizabeth Vickers, WGTC Executive Director of Fundraising.



From left, Ty Thomas, Coastal Pines Technical College (CPTC) Lineman Instructor; Romeo Reyes, Satilla REMC President/CEO; Jim Tucker, Satilla REMC Director of Customer Services and Power Supply; and Lonnie Roberts, CPTC President. Electrical Lineworker Program students also pictured.

# A Washington Youth Tour Love Story

**T** Tyler Day and Sarah Kate Miles Day met during the 2012 Washington Youth Tour trip, but little did they know that they were meeting their future spouse.

“I remember first talking to Tyler on one of our many bus rides on the trip,” says Sarah Kate, who is from Alma and represented Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corp. on the trip. “But we really became close friends on day five during the riverboat cruise,” says Tyler, who represented Rayle EMC on the WYT and is from Maxeys.

They talked daily for the first few months after the trip.

“Eventually, we decided that we could try to make a long-distance relationship work,” Tyler, 29, says.

Tyler and Sarah Kate, who lived about 175 miles apart at the time, had a long-distance relationship through the rest of high school and undergraduate school. Sarah Kate attended Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, and Tyler attended the University of Georgia in Athens, which are about 160 miles apart.

“He proposed our sophomore year of college, and we got married shortly after undergrad and before we moved to Birmingham for me to attend optometry school at the University of Alabama at Birmingham,” Sarah Kate, 28, says.

The couple married on June 10, 2017, and they now live in Alma.

Nearly 12 years later, the Days still have very fond memories of the Youth Tour that brought them together.

“[The] WYT is an awesome trip, not just because of the sites in Washington, D.C., but because of the friends that you’ll



**Top:** Sarah Kate Miles Day met her now-husband, Tyler Day, during the 2012 Washington Youth Tour.  
**Right:** The Days got married in 2017 and now live in Alma.



make as well,” Tyler says. “I also feel like it is important at that age to get out of your comfort zone and spend a week away from family with a taste of independence. Getting to spend a week immersed in the sites and museums of our nation’s capital is just a bonus.”

For Sarah Kate, it was an incredible opportunity to meet students from all different backgrounds and form a network of colleagues from throughout Georgia.

“Also, the trip is crafted and coordinated so beautifully that you feel like a VIP the entire trip!” she adds.

Today, Tyler is beginning a new career as a financial planner after working as a research analyst for a commercial-development advisory firm for many years. Sarah Kate is an optometrist in her hometown, practicing with two other doctors.

“It has been an incredible honor to help care for the community that invested so much in me growing up,” she says. ☺

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In a presentation on WGTC’s Douglas campus, Tucker presented Mona Mackenzie, WGTC Executive Director of Advancement; DeAnnia Clements, WGTC President; and Elizabeth Vickers, WGTC Executive Director of Fundraising, with a \$5,000 check to benefit the students they serve.

Also, in December, Reyes presented Ty Thomas, CPTC Lineman Instructor, with a donation of \$10,000. The donation will be used to fund scholarships for the Electrical Lineworker Program, and to directly support students and costs associated with this program, including tuition, books and supplies.

At this same time, Reyes presented Lonnie Roberts, President of CPTC, with an additional \$10,000 check to support the technical college’s general scholarship fund. This donation will be used to help students at CPTC who need additional financial assistance with tuition, fees and books.

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