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Dome and Myers selected for Washington, D.C. trip

Lenora, Kan, 06.20.22 — A free trip to Washington, D.C. does not come along every day, but for two students, it became a reality. Through its association with the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), Nex-Tech sponsored two students to attend the FRS Youth Tour, June 1-5, 2022. Students applied through an online application, which addressed the benefits of attending the Youth Tour and the impact that it would have on their career goals. This year's winners were Benjamin Dome and Jordin Myers who joined nearly 60 other students from across the country at the FRS Youth Tour.

Youth tour participants received a first-hand glimpse at how the legislative and regulatory decisions made in Washington, D.C. affect how their local service providers operate in their own hometowns. The trip featured a comprehensive overview of the communications industry and the critical role communications plays in rural America. In addition to the educational component, the Youth Tour also introduced students to various historical landmarks.

Benjamin, an upcoming sophomore at Victoria High School, is the son of Aaron and Kolleen Dome, Hays.

Jordin, an upcoming senior at Hays High School, is the son of Darin and Kelly Myers, Hays.

"We are excited to provide Benjamin and Jordin with this wonderful opportunity," stated Jacque Beckman, Nex-Tech's Youth Services/Training Specialist. "Educating them about government processes, the telecommunications industry, and our nation's history will make them stronger individuals and will prepare them as future leaders and contributing citizens."

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(Photos sent separately)

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About The Foundation for Rural Service

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), the philanthropic arm of NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association and its members, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in rural America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. Through scholarships, grants, and a variety of educational programs, FRS focuses on educating rural youth, encouraging community development and introducing policymakers to challenges unique to rural communities. Visit us at www.frs.org.

About NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association

NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association is the premier association representing nearly 850 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America. In an era of transformative technological advancements, regulatory challenges and marketplace competition, NTCA members are leading the technological evolution for rural consumers, delivering robust and high-quality services over future-proof networks that make rural communities vibrant places in which to live and do business. Because of their efforts, rural America is fertile ground for innovation in economic development, e-commerce, health care, agriculture and education, and it contributes billions of dollars to the U.S. economy each year. Visit us at www.ntca.org.

About Nex-Tech

Nex-Tech connects thousands of people and businesses through a robust broadband network with cutting-edge technology. Nex-Tech's powerful network architectures, including fiber-to-the-premise (FTTP) and fiber-to-wireless technologies, deliver leading-edge enterprise solutions to clients nationwide including a 24x7x365 Network Operations Center (NOC), CALEA compliance, enterprise cloud services, security, managed IT and advertising solutions. Headquartered in Lenora, Kansas, Nex-Tech is more than 70 years into providing exceptional service to business and residential customers.

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