

## **Congratulations to the class of 2019**

# **EQUS Scholarship Recipients**

Each year EQUS provides post-secondary scholarships to recognize the accomplishments of the high school graduates of EQUS members and support them in their educational endeavors.

This year, we received many excellent applications, after much consideration was given, four scholarships worth \$1,500 each were awarded based on academic achievement, volunteerism, community involvement and personal endeavors. Congratulations to the 2019 recipients.



**Clayton Von Hollen**  
Rimbey Jr./Sr. High  
BSc Engineering



**Paulina Wolswinkel**  
Innisfail High School  
BSc Veterinary Medicine



**Austin Van Aert**  
Barrhead Composite  
Pre-Employment Electrical



**Madison Zalik**  
Vauxhall High  
Bachelor of Nursing

Find out more about EQUS scholarships at [equs.ca/community/scholarship](http://equs.ca/community/scholarship)



# Save the Date!

## 2019 Member Input Sessions

Join us, and have your say on the Board of Directors Strategic Plan for 2020. These sessions are interactive and allow EQUS members to review and discuss the strategic plan with the Board of Directors.

This year, the Board's strategic planning session was focused on innovation. The electricity industry is changing in Alberta. Distributed generation, community generation, micro-grids and AMI are some of the innovative ideas that are contributing to that change.

We are seeking input on the value of innovation in long-term sustainability and would also like to discuss what role you feel EQUS can play in the future of rural sustainability and economic development.

**Join us at the session closest to you!**

**November 14, 2019**

Stony Plain

**November 18, 2019**

Red Deer

**November 20, 2019**

Medicine Hat

All sessions will be held in the evening from 6 until 8:30 p.m. and dinner will be provided. For event details, please RSVP to Events Specialist Marie Grono.

Phone: 403.506.5736

Email: [mgrono@equs.ca](mailto:mgrono@equs.ca)



## Board of Director Nominations



The EQUS Board of Directors is now accepting nominations for Directors for 2020.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Director, or if you would like to obtain a nomination package, you can do so by contacting Joanne Friedl, Executive Assistant.

Phone: 403.227.7534

Email: [jfriedl@equs.ca](mailto:jfriedl@equs.ca)

Completed nomination packages must be received by December 15, 2019.



[communications@equs.ca](mailto:communications@equs.ca)

# Co-operatives and mutuals: a national network of unlimited potential!



**INTERCO-OPERATION**  
OCTOBER 13 - 19 2019 CO-OP WEEK

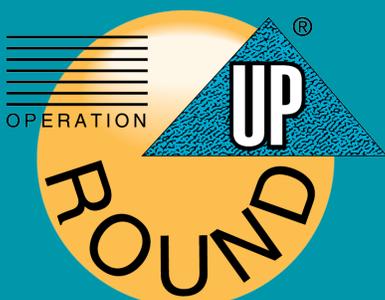
## Canadian Co-op Week - October 13-19

There are over 8,000 small, mid-size and large co-operative enterprises in Canada. A recent study of the economic impacts of the co-operative sector in Canada found that co-ops represent 3.4% of Canada's GDP and provide almost 200,000 jobs in communities across Canada. EQUUS employs over 100 people in our four rural offices and in 2018, EQUUS members saved a combined \$8.7 million on their distribution services.

Co-ops have a rich history, especially in rural communities, and have proven to be innovative, resilient, and inclusive. Co-operative electricity has been powering rural Alberta communities for over 70 years and with innovative ideas like our Automated Metering Infrastructure we can power the future of rural Alberta too.

## Operation Round Up (dates)

The Butt Ugly program is a theatre-based tobacco prevention program that aims to educate grade six students on the dangers of smoking before they start. The program, which has been entertaining central Alberta youth for 24 years, has finished its last run. Operation Round Up funds helped bring the program to over 1,200 students last year.

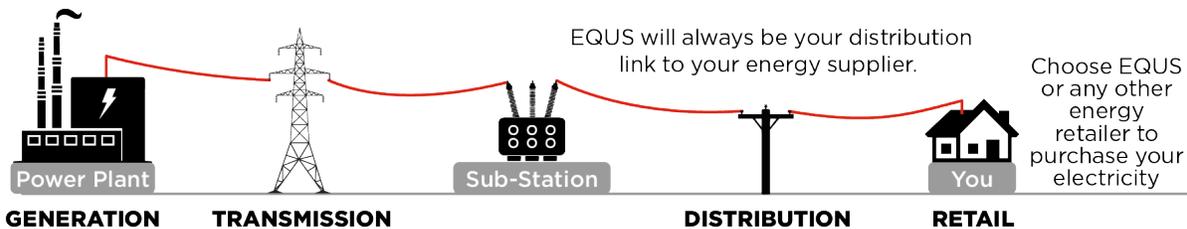


**The next application deadline is December 31. Programs that benefit youth and seniors in EQUUS' Service Area could be eligible to receive up to \$5,000. For more information visit: [equus.ca/community/operation-round-up](http://equus.ca/community/operation-round-up)**

# BACK TO SCHOOL ALL STOCKED UP



Every August EQUS staff purchase backpacks, stuff them with school supplies and deliver them to a school within our Service Area. This year, we also decided to raise some extra money for school supplies with the charity dunk tank at our summer Member Appreciation BBQs in August. The dunk tank ended up raising just over \$1,000! Thanks to the members who participated, to the EQUS staff and leaders who were brave enough to get in the tank, and their co-workers who emptied their wallets to dunk them. Because the fundraising was so successful, it was decided that the backpacks and cash would be split and donated to both Bowden Grandview School and Beiseker Community School.



**Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit [www.ucahelps.alberta.ca](http://www.ucahelps.alberta.ca) or call 310.4822 (toll free in Alberta).**

**Power Out?**

To report a power outage in your area, or for other services such as construction or vegetation management, please call your local Area Office.

**Main Office**  
1.888.211.4011

**North Area Office**  
1.888.627.4011

**Central Area Office**  
1.877.527.4011

**South Area Office**  
1.888.565.5445

Mailing Address: Box 6199, 5803 42 Street, Innisfail, AB T4G 1S8

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