

Congratulations to our 2026 Scholarship Recipients!

FOCUS Broadband is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026 Scholarship program! Ten outstanding high school seniors from across our service area have each been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to support their educational goals.

Selected from a competitive pool of more than 85 applicants, the recipients were recognized for not only their academic achievements, but also for their leadership, community involvement, and dedication in school and work settings. This year's applicants demonstrated incredible talent and commitment.

The 2026 FOCUS Broadband Scholarship recipients are:

Allison Arp - Whiteville High
Alexander Braswell - James Kenan High
Ava Bunch - John A. Holmes High
Jonah Campbell - North Brunswick High
Nathaniel Fish - West Brunswick High

Saniyah Galloway - South Brunswick High
Gavin Gregory - West Brunswick High
Hailey Maready - East Duplin High
Samuel Meares - South Columbus High
Cailyn Stallings - Perquimans High

FOCUS Broadband's Board of Directors awarded an additional \$1,000 Rylee Brinson Scholarship to South Columbus High School's Jesse Beck III. Join us in celebrating these accomplished young individuals, along with all of our scholarship applicants. We are excited to see the bright futures ahead for each of them!

Let's be *Faves* on
 **Nextdoor**

Do you know what's happening in your neighborhood?



Honored to be Your #1 Pick for Best Customer Service!

For the 18th time, FOCUS Broadband has been named "Best in Customer Service" in the Brunswick Beacon Readers' Choice Awards! This continued recognition reflects our unwavering commitment to delivering reliable service and exceptional customer care to the communities we proudly serve.

"This recognition means so much to us because it comes from the customers and communities we serve every day," shared Keith Holden, FOCUS Broadband CEO. "Providing exceptional service isn't just a goal, it's a commitment our team takes seriously, and I'm incredibly proud of the people who make that experience possible."



Spring Projects?

Call 811 Before You Dig!

With warmer weather and longer days here, homeowners are heading outdoors to take on projects like planting trees, installing fences, and refreshing their landscaping. Before you break ground, remember to **Call 811**.

Underground utility lines for gas, electricity, water, and broadband often run just inches below the surface. Hitting one of these lines can cause service outages, costly repairs, and even serious safety risks.

Before You Dig:

- **Call 811 or visit call811.com at least three business days before digging.**
- **Utility companies will mark underground lines on your property at no cost.**
- **Once the lines are marked, you can dig safely and confidently.**

Taking a few minutes to contact 811 first helps protect you, your neighbors, and essential services in your community, no matter how small the project may seem. It's a simple step that helps keep our community safe, connected, and running smoothly.



Build the Perfect TV Lineup with DirecTV Genre Packs!

One of the best things about streaming is the ability to pick and choose what works for you! With DirecTV's Genre Packs, you can build a live TV lineup based on your interests, without paying for the channels you don't watch.

This flexible approach makes it easier to match your TV service to your household, whether you're following your favorite teams, catching up on a show, or staying informed.

Each pack offers a curated selection of channels within its category, giving you more control over what you watch and how you watch it!

Available DirecTV Genre Packs Include:

- **MySports**
- **MyEntertainment**
- **MyNews**
- **MiEspañol**
- **MyKids**

Enhancing Our Network to Meet Growing Digital Needs



While we continue to expand fiber optic service across our cooperative area through a multi-year investment, we are also making upgrades to our existing coaxial network to deliver faster download and upload speeds and stronger overall performance for residents.

One way we are doing that is by deploying advanced Remote PHY (R-PHY) technology, which moves key network equipment closer to your home and shortens the distance your signal travels. Customers in parts of Town Creek and Supply are among the first to benefit from the R-PHY upgrades, with additional areas scheduled for upgrades in the coming months.

No matter where you are in our service area, we're committed to delivering a great experience today while investing in the future of our network. Thank you for choosing us to keep you connected!