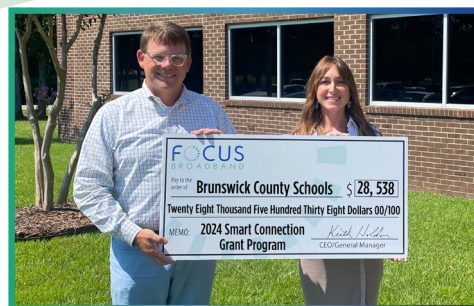


## FOCUS Broadband Awards \$40,000 in Education Grants

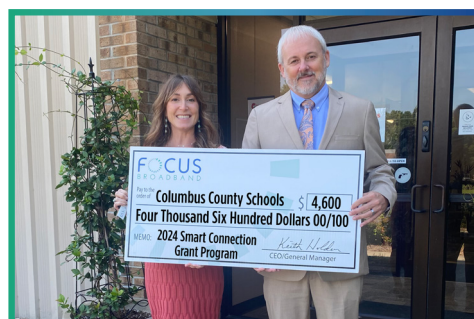
Eighteen local educators, representing fifteen schools in Brunswick, Columbus, and Robeson counties, are receiving Smart Connections Grants from FOCUS Broadband to help with programs that will expand educational opportunities for students within our service areas. The \$40,000 in awarded grant funds is part of the cooperative's grant program, which has awarded \$1.085 million in community and education grants to more than 500 programs since its inception in 2006.

FOCUS Broadband's Board Liaison for the 2024 Grant Committee, Gene Ward, commented, "We are so proud of the ways FOCUS Broadband is contributing to our local community and we look forward to seeing the positive impacts these grants will have on students and teachers."

FOCUS Broadband will begin accepting applications for the community and education grants again in December. For a list of programs receiving funds this year, visit [focusbroadband.com/educationgrants](https://focusbroadband.com/educationgrants).



Left: Dr. Dale Cole, BCS Superintendent



Right: Mr. Eddie Beck, CCS Superintendent

**FOCUS BROADBAND** **GAME OF THE WEEK** TUNE IN LIVE FRIDAY NIGHTS  
On Facebook!  

## 67th Annual Meeting Coming Soon

FOCUS Broadband's 67th Annual Meeting of Members will be held online on October 4th at 4 PM. There will not be an in-person meeting, but members can watch the meeting online at [focusbroadband.com](https://focusbroadband.com), on our corporate Facebook page, or on FOCUS Broadband TV channel 3.

Registration and voting will be available via mail and email only from September 12th through October 2nd, so be on the lookout for information on how to register and cast your vote. Members who receive their monthly billing statement online will receive their registration materials and voting instructions via email. Those who receive their monthly billing statement by mail will receive their registration information and a mail-in ballot by mail.

Members who register will receive a \$20 credit on their November billing statement. For more information, please visit [focusbroadband.com/annualmeeting](https://focusbroadband.com/annualmeeting) or call 888-367-2862.

# Celebrate Co-Op Month with Us at Customer Appreciation Day!

At FOCUS Broadband, our customers are at the heart of everything we do. In honor of Co-op Month and to express our heartfelt thanks, we're excited to invite you to our Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 12th from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at our Shallotte headquarters located at 640 Whiteville Road. It will be a day of fun, food, and prizes you won't want to miss!



## Roger Cox Memorial Scholarship Awarded



Elena Marie Pagnin

Brunswick Community College (BCC) recently awarded the Roger A. Cox Memorial Scholarship to Elena Marie Pagnin. The Roger A. Cox Memorial Scholarship was endowed in 2016 to honor Roger Cox, former FOCUS Broadband General Manager, and his passion for serving the community.

Elena is enrolled at BCC where she is working on her Associates of Arts degree. She plans to continue her education at the University of North Carolina Wilmington where she will pursue a degree in Criminal Justice, minoring in forensic science.

Please join us in congratulating Elena on her accomplishments.

*Are You Prepared?*

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## Streamline Your TV Experience with Streaming TV

If you're looking to save money while keeping the programming you love, then streaming is for you. With streaming you can choose from a wide range of apps that allow you to customize your viewing experience and only pay for the content you want to watch.

Streaming delivers video over the internet, allowing you to watch shows, movies, and live events in real-time without a cable TV subscription. All you need is your FOCUS Broadband high-speed internet, a subscription to a streaming service, and a compatible device like a smart TV or streaming device.

For a streaming option that offers the look and feel most similar to cable TV, DIRECTV via Internet is a great choice.

It includes local channels, lots of on-demand content and sports – all without a satellite dish. Plus, FOCUS Broadband customers may be eligible for exclusive discounts through our new partnership with DIRECTV.

To learn more about streaming and how to get started, visit [focusbroadband.com/streaming](http://focusbroadband.com/streaming).

