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ENERGYUNITED AWARDS SPORTS CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL STUDENTS

STATESVILLE, N.C. - Three local students have earned Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships from EnergyUnited to attend summer basketball camps at two of the state's largest college campuses.

Melani Dixon, a 6th grader at East Iredell Middle School in Statesville, NC will attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at NC State University. Nathan Brooks, a 7th grader at North Davie Middle School in Mocksville, NC and Luke Law, a 5th grader at Huntersville Elementary in Huntersville, NC, will attend the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, all on full scholarships from EnergyUnited. Melani Dixon is the daughter of Shanika Dixon, Nathan Brooks is the son of Kim and Jeremy Brooks, and Luke Law is the son of Jerel Law.

"EnergyUnited is pleased to give these outstanding students the opportunity to experience life on a college campus and learn from college coaches and student-athletes," said Maureen Moore, communications manager at EnergyUnited. "These camps teach valuable lessons that students can apply in their lives both on and off the court."

Melani, Nathan and Luke were selected by a panel of judges based on an application that included the students' academic achievements, extracurricular activities, an essay and a short-answer question.

During the overnight camps, students will stay in dorms on campus and soak up lessons on the hardwood from the collegiate coaching staffs and student-athletes. Coaches at both overnight camps will work closely with each camper to develop fundamental basketball skills and practice playing hard while working cooperatively.

Leading the N.C. State women's camp is head coach Wes Moore, his coaching staff, and current and former N.C. State women's basketball players. The Carolina camp is led by two-time NCAA national championship coach Roy Williams, his staff, and current and past Tar Heel basketball players.

The all-expense paid scholarships, sponsored by North Carolina's 26 Touchstone Energy cooperatives, provide funding for more than 50 middle-school students from across North Carolina to attend basketball camp. This is the 13th year the cooperatives have awarded young women scholarships to attend an N.C. State women's basketball camp and the 11th year the co-ops have sent young men to the Roy Williams camp.

About EnergyUnited

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