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ENERGYUNITED AWARDS SPORTS CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL STUDENTS

STATESVILLE, N.C. - Two 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.

Keelyn Oakes, a rising seventh grader at North Davie Middle School in Mocksville, NC will attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at NC State University. Colson Priddy, a rising sixth grader at Tyro Middle School in Lexington, NC will attend the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Keelyn Oakes is the daughter of Glenn and Luwonna Oakes and Colson is the son of Nicholas and Misty Priddy.

"EnergyUnited is pleased to give these outstanding students the opportunity to experience life on a college campus and learn from the 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."

Keelyn and Colson 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 student 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 three-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 14th year the cooperatives have awarded young women scholarships to attend an N.C. State women's basketball camp and the 12th year the co-ops have sent young men to the Roy Williams camp.

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