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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.

- **Nicole Beal**, a rising sixth grader at E. Lawson Brown Middle School in Thomasville, NC will attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at NC State University. Nicole has played basketball and softball for Pilot Elementary School since kindergarten. She also plays travel softball for the Davidson County Sharks. Nicole is active in the children's programs at Rich Fork Baptist Church in Thomasville, NC as well as many extracurricular activities at Pilot Elementary School in Thomasville, NC.
- **Brackton Parrish**, a rising seventh grader at Bailey Middle School in Cornelius, NC will attend the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Brackton currently plays basketball for the Huntersville Youth Athletic Association, travel baseball for the Copperheads and runs cross country for Bailey Middle School in Cornelius, NC.

"These scholarships are a fantastic way for young athletes to experience life on a college campus and learn from mentors at their favorite NCAA athletic programs," said Maureen Moore, communications manager for EnergyUnited. "We're proud to reward local students for their hard work by providing this opportunity to have fun, make new friends and develop skills that will help them excel on and off the court." Nicole and Brackton 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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