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LOCAL STUDENT HONORED AT WOLFPACK WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME FOR RECEIVING BASKETBALL CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

SUPPLY, N.C. (FEB. 16, 2018) – A local middle-school student was honored during a recent N.C. State University women's basketball game on Sunday, Feb. 11 for winning a Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship to attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp last summer.

Morgan Bellamy, daughter of Levi and Darrilyn Bellamy of Shallotte, was recognized at half court during the Wolfpack Women's basketball game against UNC for earning a scholarship from Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation.

"I was super excited for the opportunity to work with the Women's Basketball Team. Because I attended the camp I have gotten to serve as a 'ball girl' for selected home games. That was exciting being on the court with the team!" said Morgan, a student at Shallotte Middle School.

Twenty-six scholarships are awarded to young women across the state annually by North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperatives, along with 26 scholarships for young men to attend the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"Winning this camp scholarship is a tremendous accomplishment," said Don Hughes, CEO/General Manager of Brunswick Electric. "Morgan is quite a scholar and athlete, and we commend her for her hard work and achievement both on and off the court."

Morgan thanked BEMC and added, "These experiences have not only helped me to be a better player by getting a taste of a higher skill level in basketball, but have encouraged self-discipline, too."

Both Morgan and her family received free tickets to the basketball game and attended a pre-game luncheon, where each camper was awarded a certificate of accomplishment. North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives also presented a check for \$16,226 in support of next year's scholarships to the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp during the game.

BEMC is currently accepting applications for the 2018 Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships. Male and female middle-school students have until March 31 to submit an application. Applicants will be judged on their application, essay and extracurricular activities. More information and the application are available at www.ncelectriccooperatives.com/community/sportsCamps.htm.

The Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship program is an example of North Carolina's electric cooperatives' commitment to community. For more information on other cooperative community programs, call Brunswick Electric at 754-4391 or visit www.bemc.org.

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