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## BEMC AWARDS SPORTS CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL STUDENTS

SUPPLY, N.C. (April 28, 2017) – Three local students have earned Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships from Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) to attend summer basketball camps at two of the state’s largest college campuses.

Morgan Bellamy and Hailey Woodard will attend the Wolfpack Women’s Basketball Camp at N.C. State University, and Abel Yuricek will attend the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, on full scholarships from BEMC, Morgan and Abel are students at Shallotte Middle School, Hailey attends Supply Elementary. Morgan is the daughter of Levi and Darrilyn Bellamy, Hailey Woodard is the daughter of Felicia Woodard and Abel is the son of Jonathan Yuricek.

“Brunswick Electric 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 Don Hughes, CEO/Manager at Brunswick Electric. “These camps teach valuable lessons that students can apply in their lives both on and off the court.”

The students were selected by a panel of judges based on an application that included 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 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 three-time NCAA national championship coach Roy Williams, his staff, and current and past Tar Heel basketball players.

The three local all-expense paid scholarships are courtesy of BEMC and sponsored by North Carolina’s 26 Touchstone Energy cooperatives, which 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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BEMC is the second largest electric co-op in NC, the 35<sup>th</sup> largest in the US, serving nearly 90,000 locations in Brunswick and Columbus counties, plus small areas of Bladen and Robeson counties. BEMC is a locally owned not-for-profit corporation committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity to its members. Established in 1939, BEMC continues its longstanding tradition of working to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves.

North Carolina’s Touchstone Energy cooperatives provide reliable, safe and affordable energy and related services to more than 950,000 households and businesses in the state. The

Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship program is part of the electric cooperatives' ongoing commitment to local communities in North Carolina.

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