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Foundation Provides Scholarships for Summer Camps

EDMONTON, Ky. (December 15, 2025) – Metcalfe County Schools and the Metcalfe County Educational Foundation (MCEF) are proud to announce their first successful project, which enabled two students to attend a prestigious summer camp.

Hailey Silva and Blaine Walker spent two weeks at WKU's SCATS (Summer Camp for Academically Talented Middle School Students) in June. The camp allows students from around the world to challenge themselves academically, explore new ideas, develop concepts, make friends, and share experiences.

"I had an amazing time and had so much fun," Hailey Silva said. "I got to meet so many wonderful people, and it really meant a lot to me that I got to go. I plan to attend WKU for college after I graduate, so it was amazing to get a little taste of what life will be like there. SCATS just made me realize how much I want to be a teacher in the future."

Blaine Walker said, "The experience was very rewarding. I made many friends and learned a lot about college. SCATS has prepared me for the future by providing me with a wide variety of experiences and an understanding of college life."

The Metcalfe County Educational Foundation provided scholarships to Silva and Walker to help cover the cost of the camps.

"The Foundation is so glad to be a part of this experience," MCEF President Benny Lile said. "One of our top priorities is to assist students with extended academic opportunities."

SCATS is open for students who have completed grades 6-8. Applications open in January.

WKU's Center for Gifted Studies also offers summer camps for high school and elementary school students. VAMPY (Verbally and Mathematically Precocious Youth) is a three-week residential camp for students who have completed grades 7-10. Camp Explore is for students in grades 1-3, and Camp Innovate is for students in grades 3-5.

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The mission of Metcalfe County Schools is to foster true, long-lasting, deeper LEARNING in the SAFEST possible environment resulting in a first-class STUDENT EXPERIENCE. Our vision is to offer options and opportunities for the success of all Metcalfe County students. Visit www.metcalfeschools.com to learn more, or follow us @MetcalfSchools on Facebook, X, and Instagram. #MetcalfHornetsEver