



Alysha Davis of Pikeville High and Michael Wright of Eastern Technical Win Top 2011 McCormick Unsung Heroes Awards

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McCormick & Company, Inc. (NYSE: MCC) today announced that Alysha Davis, a member of the Pikeville High School basketball team, and Michael Wright, a member of the Eastern Technical High School football team, were presented the 71st annual McCormick Unsung Heroes Awards yesterday at Marshall's Hunt Valley Inn.

As winners of the top Unsung Heroes Awards, Davis and Wright became the 10th and 11th recipients of the Charles Perry McCormick Scholarship Awards, established in 1955, with a current four-year value of \$30,000 for each student-athlete.

The scholarship winners were chosen from a total of 107 candidates who were the Unsung Heroes winners from 57 Baltimore area public, private, parochial and independent schools. Davis and Wright are seniors, a requirement of the program.

Alysha Davis was recognized by her coach for her "never quit" attitude that helped 18 her teammates when a number of injuries sidelined key players on the Pikeville High basketball team. Her coach said, "Alysha is forward-focused and always working to improve not only her own performance but that of the team as well."

Michael Wright was called the consummate team player. An injury forced him to put his personal goals on the shelf as he became a moving player asked to start at any position where injuries forced a line-up change. Almost like a utility player more common to baseball teams, Davis played seven positions.

"Though not meeting his own personal goals, he played for the team," his coach said. "He never complained and had a no [sic] attitude. There was only high-minded play and unselfish, inspired performance every time he stepped onto the field."

The late Charles P. McCormick founded the McCormick Unsung Heroes program in 1946 to recognize athletes for unselfish team play and highlight the efforts of those who contribute to the success of their teams without accolades.

The keynote remarks were given by CBS sports broadcaster Scott Gerasiwo and McCormick Chairman, CEO and President Alan Wilson. They stood in for Byron Pitts of CBS News who was scheduled to deliver remarks but was called away in the wake of the Osama Bin Laden death.

More than 100 Baltimore area officials, school administrators, coaches and family members attended the event.

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