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Pictured from left to right: Cindy Frost (Mars Hill College Bonner Scholar Coordinator), Lea Foden, Jeff Brooks and Tom Field (CISMIC). SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-RECORD & SENTINEL

CISMIC recognize volunteers of the year

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Communities In Schools of Madison County (CISMIC) recognized Jeffery Brooks and Lea Foden as Bonner Volunteers of the Year. This is the first year the award has been given and was part of Communities In Schools' celebration of national mentoring month. Both Brooks and Foden have mentored and tutored Madison High School students for over two years.

Brooks and Foden are Mars Hill College students and serve as Bonner Scholars. The Bonner Scholar program seeks to transform the lives of students and communities by providing a scholarship and

opportunities to give back to the community. Bonner Scholars give at least 140 hours of service each semester.

"Both of these Bonner Scholars have been exceptional in their dedication to students," said Tom Field, Director of CISMIC. "They are both heroes, in every sense of the word, going well beyond the service requirements of the Bonner Scholar program."

Mars Hill College Bonner Scholar program works well with CISMIC to help surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. In addition to this award, both students received a gift card of \$75

provided by a grant from Progress Energy celebrating national mentoring month.

CISMIC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the students of Madison County. CISMIC provides tutors, mentors, and support for both the middle and high school students who struggle academically and helps keep kids in school. CISMIC welcomes all donations of time and money. Funds are crucial to maintain and expand help to Madison County students. For more information about CISMIC and its programs, contact Tom Field at 649-9276 ext. 248 or online at tfield@madison.k12.nc.us