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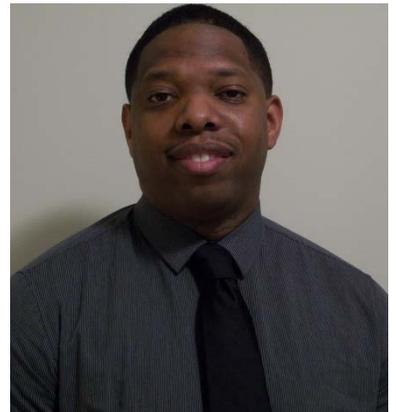
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### **James Strozier Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation**

Atlanta, GA— The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded a \$5,000 2015 NBCC Foundation military scholarship to James Strozier, of Atlanta, Georgia. The military scholarship is awarded to service members, veterans and their spouses who are pursuing a counseling education and commit to serving fellow military personnel, veterans and families upon graduation.

The mission of the NBCC Foundation is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change. The military scholarship was created in 2009 to increase access to counselors for military personnel, veterans and families suffering from a shortage of available mental health professionals. Thirty-five students from across the country applied for the five 2015 military scholarships.



As a military scholarship recipient, Strozier will receive \$5,000 to support his counseling education and recognize his commitment to the underserved. A graduate of Saint Leo University in Florida, Strozier is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at Argosy University in Atlanta, Georgia. The populations he intends to serve after he graduates include veterans, those struggling with homelessness and substance abuse, and at-risk youth. Strozier is looking forward to this scholarship providing support and credibility to provide services to underserved populations.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded five \$5,000 rural scholarships to increase the number of counselors serving rural areas. The Foundation plans to continue offering scholarships to increase the number of counselors in the areas where they are needed most and will open the next application period in September 2015. For more information or to make a gift in support of the Foundation's mission, please visit [www.nbccf.org](http://www.nbccf.org).

#### **About the NBCC Foundation**

The NBCC Foundation is the nonprofit affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), based in Greensboro, North Carolina. NBCC is the nation's premier professional certification board devoted to credentialing counselors who meet standards for the general and specialty practices of professional counseling. Currently, there are more than 55,000 National Certified Counselors (NCCs) in the United States and more than 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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