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Rachel S. Harris Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation

Statesboro, 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 Rachel S. Harris, of Pooler, 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, Harris will receive \$5,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the underserved. A graduate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Harris is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro. Her professional goals are centered on issues of traumatic experiences, addiction and anxiety, which are all prevalent in the military lifestyle. Her desire to work with the military population, coupled with her personal experience as a military spouse, will help her to better understand the context of her future clients' circumstances and provide appropriate counseling services to meet their needs. The NBCC Foundation military scholarship will help her to gain supplementary educational experiences to maximize her future counseling work with military members, veterans and their families.

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.

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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