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NBCC Foundation Announces 2015 Military and Rural Scholars

Greensboro, NC—The NBCC Foundation is pleased to announce the 2015 military and rural scholarship recipients. These nine scholars were selected from more than 70 applicants through a very competitive process. The scholarship program supports the Foundation's mission of increasing access to



mental health care through professional counseling services, particularly for underserved populations. To learn more about NBCC Foundation scholarships, please visit <u>www.nbccf.org/Programs/Scholarships</u>.

The military scholarship provides financial support to service members, veterans and their spouses embarking on a career in counseling who commit to serving military personnel, veterans and families after graduation. The military scholarship recipients are Elizabeth Burgin, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs; Matthew Carbonelli, Marquette University; Duane France, Adams State University; Rachel Harris, Georgia Southern University; and James Strozier, Argosy University.

The rural scholarship provides financial support to counseling students from rural areas who commit to serving in these communities after graduation. The rural scholarship recipients are Amber Bray, Adams State University; Rachel Callicoat, Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Shea Daniels, Ohio University; Morgan Lynn, Georgia Southern University; and Amanda L. Reeder, Lindsey Wilson College.

In addition to the \$5,000 scholarship each awardee will receive, the Foundation will also provide the scholars with a sustainability package that includes access to mentors, training and other tools to help build leadership skills and professional profiles. The mentor program is made up of dedicated National Certified Counselors (NCCs) who <u>volunteer</u> with the Foundation. The training provided to scholars includes webinars that are also open to all NCCs.

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 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.