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NBCC Foundation Announces 2018 Military and Rural Scholars

Greensboro, NC—The NBCC Foundation is pleased to announce the 2018 military and rural scholarship recipients. These 12 scholars were selected from more than 100 applicants around the United States 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 2018 military scholarship recipients are Sarah M. Allen, The University of Texas at Tyler; M. A. Bullock, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke; Crystal Ann Galloway, Denver Seminary, in Littleton, Colorado; Jennifer L. Mitchell, Columbia International University, in South Carolina; Kalleen H. Steele, the University of Colorado Denver; and Michelle M. Zeller, Troy University, in Alabama.

The rural scholarship provides financial support to counseling students from rural areas who commit to serving in these communities after graduation. The 2018 rural scholarship recipients are Charlotte Katie Arrowsmith, Delta State University, in Cleveland, Mississippi; Guile J. Contreras, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Halla Savannah Kathleen Kiser, Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Danielle D. Langley, Walden University, in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Jess Ryan, the University of Wyoming, in Laramie; and Marlene J. Travis, Walden University, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In addition to the \$8,000 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 64,000 board-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.