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NBCC Foundation Announces 2016 Military and Rural Scholars

Greensboro, NC—The NBCC Foundation is pleased to announce the 2016 military and rural scholarship recipients. These 10 scholars were selected from 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 www.nbccf.org/Programs/Scholarships.

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 Kyle Elizabeth Kellner, Syracuse University, in New York; Michael McAndrew, Eastern Mennonite University, in Harrisonburg, Virginia; Melissa E. McGee, the University of Wyoming, in Laramie; Nicole Pullum, Troy University, in Altamonte Springs, Florida; and Stephanie Trotti, Adams State University, in Alamosa, Colorado.

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 Carlos Uriel Garcia Santiago, the University of Wyoming, in Laramie; Jessica Isbell, Jacksonville State University, in Alabama; Sarah Marie James, Appalachian State University, in Boone, North Carolina; Sarah Marie Jennings, Adams State University, in Alamosa, Colorado; and Katie J. Yancey, Georgia Southern University, in Statesboro.

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 [volunteer](#) 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 60,000 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.

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