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NBCC Foundation Announces 2017 Military and Rural Scholars

Greensboro, NC—The NBCC Foundation is pleased to announce the 2017 military and rural scholarship recipients. These 11 scholars were selected from nearly 150 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 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 Jennifer J. Blount, Colorado Christian University, in Lakewood; Richard R. Etter, The University of Toledo, in Ohio; Samuel P. Findley, the University of Northern Colorado, in Greeley; Elizabeth Mary Nelson, the University of Northern Colorado, in Greeley; Tom Riley, North Carolina Central University, in Durham; and Darnella Williams-Hankins, South University, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

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 Sarah Beth Anderson, Appalachian State University, in Boone, North Carolina; Sondra R. Siegfried, Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Brad Thayer, Capella University, in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Temoc Rafael Torres, Idaho State University, in Pocatello; and Samantha Dawn Wiederrecht, the University of Wyoming at Casper.

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 [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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