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Two New Members Welcomed into NBCC Foundation Giving Society

Greensboro, NC—As the first National Certified Counselor (NCC) and a founder of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), Dr. Lloyd A. Stone was instrumental in shaping the counseling profession into what it is today. In celebration of the legacy left to us by Dr. Stone, the NBCC Foundation works tirelessly to increase access to quality counseling services for those in need, a goal that would be out of reach without our loyal donors. Recently, we were pleased to welcome two new members into the Dr. Lloyd A. Stone Pinnacle Society, in recognition of the achievement of surpassing a lifetime giving threshold of \$50,000. These two new members, Dr. Thomas Clawson and Ms. Delores Barr Weaver, join the inaugural Pinnacle Society member, Dr. Thomas Lovett, who joined this prestigious society in 2013.



Dr. Thomas Clawson, current president and CEO of NBCC and its affiliate organizations, has been a practicing school counselor and private practice counselor, and was a counselor educator for 15 years before joining NBCC as CEO in 1989. He is a past Chair of the National Commission for Certifying Agencies and past president of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA), as well as a former officer on the Board of the Center for Quality Assurance in International Education (CQAIE). He currently serves on the Board of Trustees for Greensboro College. Under his leadership, NBCC has grown to encompass the certification of more than 60,000 NCCs, in addition to

becoming a leader in the field in promoting high-quality continuing education and developing crosscultural partnerships with those serving internationally in the counseling profession. Dr. Clawson remembers Dr. Stone as a friend and mentor.



Delores Barr Weaver, former co-owner of the Jacksonville Jaguars, is a philanthropist with a reputation for championing vitally important causes that too often go overlooked. She has been instrumental in the founding of the Jaguars Foundation, the Women's Giving Alliance, and the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center, in addition to providing significant financial support to more than 25 different charitable organizations throughout the state of Florida. Her membership in the Pinnacle Society is the result of a \$352,000 grant from her personal fund with the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, which will help to bridge the gap in access to mental health counseling for

veterans at the Five STAR Veterans Center, in Jacksonville, Florida.

It is with the help of donors like these that the NBCC Foundation is able to keep Dr. Stone's legacy alive. We are eternally grateful to Dr. Stone for giving us a mission, and to our <u>donors</u> for their support as we work to extend quality mental health care to the underserved and never-served throughout the world.

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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