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NBCC Foundation Awards 2018 Scholarship to Elizabeth M. Cole

Pikeville, KY—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded one of the 2018 Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE) professional development awards to Elizabeth M. Cole, of Pikeville, Kentucky. The goal of this scholarship program is to advance the professional identity and development of CCE credential holders. Ms. Cole will receive \$500 to advance her professional identity and development.

Ms. Cole works at Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC), one of the colleges of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). She wishes to bring new training opportunities to students, noting that career facilitation and coaching skills should be taught at the community college level. Students could take these courses and certificates as part of their electives in general education degrees or the Human Services AAS degree. Ms.

Cole's plan is to offer these courses and certificates nationwide through web conferencing, so these opportunities might interest college students at other institutions as well as working professionals looking to develop new knowledge and skills. The National Career Development Association's (NCDA) "Facilitating Career Development" curriculum will be the core of this training. Students who complete the courses would be able to pursue external certifications, including NCDA career certifications and the Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) credential. Additional opportunities will be offered, including life coaching and health and wellness coaching courses and certificates. These programs will lead to the opportunity to pursue the Associate Certified Coach (ACC) credential with the International Coach Federation (ICF) and the National Board Certified Health and Wellness Coaches (ICHWC). Participants who hold a bachelor's degree or higher may also be able to pursue the Board Certified Coach (BCC) credential.

For more information or to make a donation, visit <u>nbccf.org</u>. The Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE), a platinum sponsor of the Foundation, provides the funding for this award. More information about CCE credentials is available at <u>cce-global.org</u>.

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 65,000 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.