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## NBCC Foundation Announces 2019 Military and Rural Scholars

Greensboro, NC – The NBCC Foundation is pleased to announce the 2019 military and rural scholarship recipients. These 13 scholars were selected from nearly 150 applicants around the United States through a very competitive process.

The military and rural scholarships support 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.

Military scholarships provide financial help 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 2019 military scholarship recipients are: Tracy Lee Boyd, George Fox University in Portland, Oregon; Nicole Gabriel, the University of Dayton in Dublin, Ohio; Joshua M. LeVay, the University of Colorado – Colorado Springs in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Michelle Malone, Chicago State University in Chicago, Illinois; Richard Drew Snyder, Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon; Mauricio Daniel Zumba, the University of Colorado – Colorado Springs in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Rural scholarships provide financial support to counseling students from rural areas who commit to serving in these communities after graduation.

The 2019 rural scholarship recipients are: Ashley D. Crowder, Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee; BriAnne Alyce Hutchinson, Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon; Derrick McCluskey, the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Kentucky; Leah Riddell, East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina; Ashley Brianne Rohrbach, Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho; Audrey I. Stefenson, West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virgnia; Yu Wen Wang, Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

In addition to the up to \$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 <u>webinars</u> 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 66,000 board-certified counselors in the United States and over 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.