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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 10 scholars were selected from nearly 125 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 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 fellow military personnel, veterans, and families after graduation.

The 2019 military scholarship recipients are: Tara A. Burton, Texas Tech University in Lubbock; Rodney Alan Ho, University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Kentucky; Carl Price, The University of Texas at San Antonio; Deborah A. Rackham, Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia; and Jesenia P. Villoldo, the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

The rural scholarship provides financial support to counseling students from rural areas who commit to serving in these communities after graduation.

The 2019 rural scholarship recipients are: Kate Marie Dorrough, Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia; Kristen “Nikki” Proctor, East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina; Sara J. Stone, Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Pippa S. Thomas, Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Byron Reese Wells, Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.

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 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.

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