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Jesenia P. Villoldo Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Orlando, FL—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded an \$8,000 2019 NBCC Foundation military scholarship to Jesenia P. Villoldo, of Orlando, Florida. The military scholarship is awarded to service members, veterans, and their spouses who are pursuing a counseling education and commit to serving fellow military personnel, veterans, and families upon graduation.

The mission of the NBCC Foundation is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change. The military scholarship was created in 2009 to increase access to counselors for military personnel, veterans, and families suffering from a shortage of available mental health professionals. More than 50 students from across the country applied for the five 2019 military scholarships.

As a military scholarship recipient, Villoldo will receive \$8,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the underserved. Villoldo is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton and is currently a master's student in the marriage, couple, and family therapy program at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Upon graduation, she would like to continue working and advocating for the military population. She would also like to continue to bring more awareness to and reduce the stigma toward mental health in the military, as she has had first-hand experience as a veteran herself. This scholarship will help Villoldo focus on her goals and grow as a professional counselor while enjoying all the benefits that come along with it such as access to mentoring, webinars, and conferences.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded five \$8,000 [rural scholarships](#) to increase the number of counselors serving rural areas. The Foundation plans to continue offering scholarships to increase the number of counselors in the areas where they are needed most and will open the next application period in spring 2020. For more information or to make a gift to support scholars like these, please visit nbccf.org.

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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