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Rodney Alan Ho Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Frederick, MD—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 Rodney Alan Ho, of Frederick, Maryland. 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, Ho will receive \$8,000 to support his counseling education and recognize his commitment to the underserved. Ho is a graduate of Troy State University in Troy, Alabama, the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, and Trident University International in Cypress, California, and he is currently a master's student in the mental health counseling program at University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Kentucky. Upon graduation, Ho intends to work with military veterans, particularly those who are experiencing PTSD, depression, and anxiety and those who are facing personal and systemic barriers to mental health care. Earning this scholarship will enable Ho to learn evidence-based practices for breaking down barriers to mental health care for military veterans and ultimately improving access to mental health care for military veterans who struggle with mental and behavioral problems. Lastly, this scholarship will provide him with an opportunity to integrate a holistic mental health approach for military veterans and establish a stronger professional identity as a counselor.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded five \$8,000 [rural scholarships](http://nbccf.org) 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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