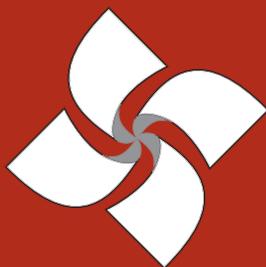


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## NBCC RESPONDS TO HURRICANE DISASTERS

The country watched with horror as Hurricane Katrina and its aftereffects devastated the Gulf Coast. When news coverage exposed the magnitude of the destruction, NCCs began contacting NBCC expressing a desire to volunteer their services.

As soon as the Red Cross announced that it would accept NCCs without the specific Red Cross disaster mental health certification, NBCC sent out a nationwide e-mail directing interested NCCs to the necessary Red Cross forms and applications. Countless NCCs responded immediately to this call for help. Fax lines at the American Red Cross headquarters were tied up for days.

Some NCCs traveled to the Gulf Coast region, while others focused on the needs of displaced survivors across the nation. With the sudden arrival of survivors to various inland towns, resources were stretched in many

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### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ...

#### An NCC Red Cross Volunteer

*During recent months, NBCC has received many personal stories from NCC volunteers who provided emergency mental health services in Katrina-ravaged parts of Louisiana and Mississippi. Some of these are posted on the NBCC Web site at [www.nbcc.org/resources/journalpages](http://www.nbcc.org/resources/journalpages). Elissa's story (below) was particularly poignant. To access the unabridged text, visit [www.nbcc.org/newsletter](http://www.nbcc.org/newsletter). Elissa is an NCC from Park Forest, IL.*

**By Elissa Bishop-Becker, NCC, MEd, LPC**

I had more than a little anxiety when I began this adventure. When the urgent e-mail from NBCC arrived saying the American Red Cross was waiving disaster training for mental health volunteers, I knew I

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cities. Survivors found themselves in unfamiliar places, often without the familiar support networks of family, friends, and professionals. In response, NBCC created an online registry of NCCs volunteering pro-bono counseling services. Once an NCC completed the short online form, his or her contact information was available through the NBCC Web site and could be utilized by survivors, family members, or other professionals. Within the first few weeks after the disaster, more than 300 NCCs had joined this registry.

NBCC also reached out to the local Red Cross chapter in Greensboro, NC, to offer assistance. Along with the North Carolina Counseling Association (NCCA), NBCC contacted area counselors about the need for local disaster shelters. Both NCCA and NBCC gathered names and contact information of local counselors who were able to volunteer their time and services to survivors relocated to North Carolina.

As the nation struggled to cope with Katrina, three more

hurricanes made landfall in the already devastated Gulf Coast region as well as Florida, a state still reeling from the chain of storms that disrupted millions of lives in 2004. Once again, NBCC received calls from concerned NCCs willing to help. NBCC responded by alerting the media and service organizations in these newly affected areas to the list of NCCs offering pro-bono services.

NBCC continues to update and expand information on the Disaster Response pages on its Web site and will continue to provide additional resources related to this crisis as well as future disasters that may arise. The most recent addition includes a discussion page that provides NCCs with a forum for sharing experiences about their work with survivors. To obtain additional information about NBCC's disaster response, please refer to [www.nbcc.org/disasterresponse](http://www.nbcc.org/disasterresponse). □

## CALL FOR NBCC AND CCE BOARD NOMINATIONS

The NBCC and CCE Boards will each have a director position open July 1, 2006. Terms of office vary from three to five years. Interested NCCs are strongly encouraged to apply. Additional information and nomination packets may be obtained from our Web site, [www.nbcc.org](http://www.nbcc.org), or from our FAX-on-Demand Line at 1-800-324-6222; request document number 6001.

**Completed nomination packets MUST be received no later than February 1, 2006.**

NBCC and Affiliates value differences in background, perspective, beliefs and traditions in order to represent a diverse constituency offering exemplary and viable counseling services. We seek NCC applicants who represent as many experiential backgrounds as possible.

## NBCC HOSTS STATE COUNSELOR CREDENTIALING BOARDS

Every other year, NBCC invites representatives from state credentialing boards, states working on a licensure effort, and other organizations to attend a meeting to discuss NBCC's Examinations Programs and, more generally, current issues in the counseling profession.

In August 2005, forty-seven participants gathered in Greensboro, NC, for the 2005 meeting. This group represented thirty-one state credentialing boards, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico boards, California and Nevada coalitions, the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB), and the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP).

Over the years, NBCC has hosted this meeting in an attempt to bring boards and interested parties together to discuss examination issues. The big item at this meeting was computer-based testing (CBT). NBCC expects that all states interested in CBT will be transitioned by the end of 2006. □



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## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN NCC RED CROSS VOLUNTEER

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had a skill that could help. I faxed in the forms and waited for a response. The voice-mail message instructing me to call a travel agency number and give my Disaster Relief Code for Baton Rouge came quickly. I booked a flight to Baton Rouge leaving September 10 and returning September 24.

Shelter for Red Cross staff was in a Baptist church. Our shelter had a capacity of 200. We had cots to sleep in with scratchy wool blankets; clean towels; a women's bathroom with three sinks, three toilets, and two showers; home-cooked meals nearly every night; and a whole wall of MRE boxes (meals-ready-to-eat). Our laundry was taken and brought back the same day. There were sandwiches for our lunches, piles and rows of assorted snack foods in the dining area and in the kitchen, tons of bottles of water, strong and plentiful coffee in the morning, and caring shelter directors. I slept fitfully that first night when lights went out at 10 p.m.—overtired and unaccustomed to the sounds of snoring, coughing, the zipping and unzipping of suitcases, and creaking cots.

Mental health orientation took an hour and twenty minutes. The trainer said one thing that stuck with me and my soon-to-be teammates: "You come first, then staff, then clients." This is because if we do not put ourselves first, we cannot help anyone. My team of four was assigned to an evacuee shelter in Erwinville, home to about 250 men, women, and children. There was Janet, a social worker in pri-

vate practice who specializes in the mind-body connection, spiritual counseling, and children; Kelly, a college counselor and the youngest; and Renae, a college professor with lots of experience working with trauma. We complemented one another and found that we intuitively understood how to function well as a team. We kept each other sane, focused, and relatively calm. Many volunteers were not so fortunate. Some came for the wrong reasons (to save the evacuees or avoid dealing with their own recent traumas).

Our team did good work at

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Erwinville. Upon arrival, we found some depression, a lot of confusion and disorientation, many still in shock and disbelief, a few needing meds, and children neglected by parents now angry and acting out. In spite of the wide range of problems, there were few who were deeply despairing or harmful to the community. Although none had much left in terms of material possessions, they had reordered their priorities and put caring for each other at the top of the list. By the

time we left a week later, most residents were stable.

There was a significant military and police presence in Baton Rouge, including at the shelter. The police were polite but didn't interact much with the residents. They basically sat at a table inside the front door of the shelter and talked to each other. The shelter residents were not all poor or unskilled. They were engineers and teachers, musicians and former military, nurses and business people, carpenters and janitors, as well as the unemployed.

*Elissa was assigned to Welcome Centers in Baton Rouge, Iberville, and New Orleans on the front lines. She ended her story with these comments about the people she met:*

Talking to the survivors was a rewarding experience. Most were exhausted, some were angry, some depressed, but repeatedly I heard gratitude for the help they had received, support for one another, reliance on faith, and determination to go forward even though they didn't know where "forward" was. No one was enraged or violent or seemed to be in absolute despair.

In those two days at Welcome Centers, I must have spoken with hundreds of people. They couldn't believe so many of us came from all over the country to help them, and we were impressed by their spirit and strength. All in all, it was an amazing and intense experience—one I would do again in a heartbeat. □

## NCC NETWORK

■ **Judith Barr, NCC, CCMHC**, of Brookfield, CT, has an article, “The Therapeutic Relationship Model: Perspectives on the Core of the Healing Process,” included in a recently published international book on relational paradigms titled *From Transactions to Relations*.

■ **Jacquie B. Green, NCC, LPC**, of Valdosta, GA, has recently published *Female Domestic Violence Intervention Project: Education, Choices, Empowerment* (Authorhouse). The workbook combines factual information, affirmations, and practical exercises that explore the dynamics of the abusive relationship; facilitates understanding of the intentions of the perpetrator of abuse; and fosters movement to healthy relationships. Points of specific interest include socialization of female children, reasons women stay in abusive relationships, and development of an effective cognitive safety plan. The guide is designed for individual or group use. The book is available at [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com).

■ **LaTonya Mason, NCC, MAC, LPC**, of Charlotte, NC, has recently published *Good to Me* (Walk Worthy Press and Time Warner Books). This debut novel was released in October. Mason is a dual diagnosis counselor working with substance-abusing adolescents, adults, and their families primarily through cognitive-behavior therapy and therapeutic writing. Mason’s protagonist is a counselor who learns to bridge the gap between her spirituality and profession. For more information, visit [www.walkworthypress.net](http://www.walkworthypress.net).

■ **Colleen Reynolds, NCC, CCMHC, NCCC**, of Farmington, ME, has recently published *A Child with Spirit: Preparing Children for a Challenging World* (iUniverse). The author presents a topic-oriented discussion about the changing relationships between children and parents; schools and the community. More information about this book can be found at [www.iuniverse.com](http://www.iuniverse.com).

■ **Jim Reynolds, NCC, NCCC**, of Waldorf, MD, has recently published *Learning-Centered Learning: A Philosophy for Lifelong Learning* (AuthorHouse). The book provides an in-depth look at the philosophical construct’s five learning assumptions: the learning process as multi-dimensional, accommodating individual learning-style characteristics, creating intrinsic motivation, giving all learners expanded control, and responsibility over their own learning. More information can be found at [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com).

■ **Les Rodriguez, NCC**, of Miami, FL, has released a music CD, *Dal Mio Cuore (From My Heart)*. It is a classical crossover album with a number of well-known standards: “You’ll Never Walk Alone,” “Let There Be Peace on Earth,” “Climb Ev’ry Mountain,” “Panis Angelicus,” “The Prayer,” and “O Sole Mio.” The album is performed in four different languages: English, Spanish, Italian, and Latin. It is a reflective and inspirational album with a contemporary beat and a few striking ballads. Rodriguez is a psychotherapist and speaker. The CD is available on

[www.lesrodriguez.com](http://www.lesrodriguez.com) and [www.cdbaby.com](http://www.cdbaby.com).

■ **David Roomy, NCC, ACS**, of Vancouver, BC, Canada, recently published *Muslims Like Us: A Bridge to Moderate Muslims*. Roomy’s topic in this book is cross-cultural relations from a Jungian perspective. Other works by Roomy include *Inner Journey to Secret Places* and *Inner Work in the Wounded and Creative: The Dream in the Body*.

■ **Thomas A. Stella, NCC**, of Colorado Springs, CO, has written his second book, *A Faith Worth Believing* (Harper San Francisco). In it, Stella describes what he was taught about God, religion, and related matters in the pre-Vatican II Catholic Church and what he now believes to be a more freeing way of understanding religious teachings. The book can be used with clients of any mainline Christian tradition who struggle with questions about God, grapple with guilt, and are bound by the tyranny of perfectionism. It is available at Barnes & Noble, Borders, and Amazon.com.

■ **Sue Stevenson, NCC**, of Littleton, CO, has recently published *Adventures with Guided Imagery: Using Your Mind and Imagination to Nurture Skills and Master Life—A Guide for Children, Teens, and Adults*. The book is filled with guided imagery scripts dealing with stress, health, goal setting, self-esteem, working with feelings, dreams, and nightmares. More information can be found at [www.suestevensonphd.com](http://www.suestevensonphd.com).

## NBCC INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS

Dedicated to the development of counselling standards around the world, NBCC International strives to develop relationships with current and future counselling leaders. The *NBCC International Fellows at ACES* program was launched at the 2002 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) National Conference to provide a venue that encourages the development of these relationships. Through the program, select counsellors at various stages in their careers interact with each other, their U.S.-based counterparts, and with NBCC International staff. Dialogue begins at the ACES Conference and continues well beyond through post-conference activities.

Most of the current Fellows were nominated by U.S.-based counselor education program coordinators. They are: Arline Edwards-Joseph (North Carolina State University, Antigua & Barbuda), Sachin Jain (University of Wyoming, India), Dr. Chieko Koyama (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Japan), Nikolai Ermakov (Denver Seminary, Kyrgyzstan), Ana Gouveia (University of Rochester, Portugal), and Kyoung Mi Choi (Syracuse University, South Korea). These individuals bring diversity to the program, not only because of the variety of countries represented, but also by virtue of their progress as professionals. Most have some degree of practical experience from their home countries; several are already counsellor educators. This year's program also includes two Fellows currently involved with counselling programs outside the United States: Maria

Dipal, from the Higher Education Learning Programme (HELP) University/College in Kuala Lumpur, and Dr. Huda Ayyash-Abdo, coordinator of the school counselling area of the master's in education at the Lebanese American University in Beirut.

This year's Fellows participated in training conducted by members of the NBCC Board of Directors' Global Committee. This committee consisted of Dr. Sylvia Fernandez, Dr. Linda Foster, and Dr. Kurt Kraus, and three invited guests from abroad: Dr. Tuncay Ergene (Turkey), Dr. Fidan Korkut (Turkey), and Dr. Andreea Szilagyi (Romania). Each international committee member is a leader in developing counsellor credentialing and/or accreditation in their respective countries. Korkut and Szilagyi were 2002 Fellows who have since returned to their home countries.

In the spirit of encouraging Fellows to disseminate their expertise through conference presentations, scholarly publications, and personal interactions with colleagues, each Fellow prepared and delivered part of a two-hour joint presentation. *Spanning the Globe Part 2* focused on the status of counselling in the native country of each Fellow. This effort provided concrete experience with international counsellor collaboration and with delivering a succinct message. Next, the Fellows will work together on a manuscript that will be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal as a means of encouraging cross-national partnerships in advancing counselling knowledge. Finally, during a reception held in their honor and through the per-

sonal connections made during the conference, the Fellows formed relationships that will enhance future professional collaboration.

NBCC International is pleased to have a leadership role among counselling institutions facilitating international collaboration. We look forward to further exchanges with the Fellows and encourage NCCs to acknowledge their achievements and invite dialogue should they be introduced to a Fellow at one of the many counselling meetings taking place globally. □

### VOLUNTARY AUDITS

*The following NCCs have passed the NBCC® Voluntary Audit for special recognition in continuing education. While 100 hours of continuing education are required for recertification, these NCCs have completed and documented more than 130 hours in the five-year certification period. They have received a special certificate citing this achievement and are to be congratulated for their dedication to excellence. NBCC salutes them!*

**Melanie T. Boehm**, Pearl City, HI  
**John L. Brown III**, Daphne, AL  
**Elizabeth M. Cole**, Pikeville, KY  
**Edward H. Fankhanel**, San Juan, PR  
**Jane K. Helmstead**, Ada, MI  
**Phyllis H. Lambert**, Robbins, NC  
**Ralph E. Manning**, Sand Springs, OK  
**Jacquelyn Crim McCrary**, Lubbock, TX  
**Kirk D. McFarland**, Tucson, AZ  
**Charles N. Miller**, Riderwood, MD  
**Sarah Morris Moore**, Spartanburg, SC  
**Jolynn Newkirk-Hornecker**,  
 Evanston, WY  
**Marianna L. Sullivan**, Minneapolis, MN  
**Rafael G. Tapia**, Pembroke Pines, FL  
**Timothy C. Williams**, Memphis, TN

*If you are interested in applying for a voluntary audit, go to [www.nbcc.org](http://www.nbcc.org) audit and click on "Download the Voluntary Recognition Audit" form.*

## REVISED TRICARE AMENDMENT PASSES SENATE

On November 15, the Senate passed its version of the Defense Authorization Bill. Previously, the bill, which includes the TRICARE amendment, had been blocked as legislators negotiated the terms under which it could reach the floor.

As reported in the last issue of the *National Certified Counselor*, the initiative to reform TRICARE, the managed healthcare program for military personnel and their dependents, originated in the House of Representatives. Responding to concerns expressed by counselors, Representative Robin Hayes of North Carolina sponsored an amendment eliminating TRICARE's physician referral and supervision requirements. Hayes's amendment and the House version of the Defense Authorization Bill passed in May. In July, Senator Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina also introduced a Senate floor amendment that would remove TRICARE's referral and supervision requirements.

With the Senate focusing on other issues including the confirmation hearings of the Supreme Court justice nominees, the future of the Defense Authorization Bill appeared uncertain at times; however, the Senate leadership was able to schedule time for the completion of the Defense Authorization Bill with a limited number of allowable amendments. In an effort to secure the TRICARE amendment as a part of the Defense Authorization Bill, Dole and Senator John Warner of Virginia reached a compromise that would remove TRICARE's requirements only in areas identified

as underserved.

Now that the Senate has passed its version of the Defense Authorization Bill, a conference committee consisting of House and Senate members will be appointed to resolve the differences between the two versions. The committee members will decide whether to remove the referral and supervision requirements in some or all areas. ACA, AMHCA, and NBCC have worked collaboratively to keep

counselors informed about the potential changes in the TRICARE program. Additionally, representatives from each of the organizations have met with key legislators. NBCC will continue to monitor and provide updates as the issue is debated. In the meantime, NBCC encourages NCCs to contact legislators and voice their support for eliminating the physician referral and supervision requirements in all areas. □

### NCC CORNER

#### COUNTING AND RECORDING YOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

*Question: What's the difference between CEUs, contact hours, CE credits, CEs etc.?*

*Answer:* Continuing education providers use many different terms when they award continuing education credit. NBCC requires that NCCs earn 100 contact hours of continuing education to recertify at the end of every five-year cycle. A contact hour is the same as a clock hour. So, if you attend a workshop for three hours, you earn three contact hours of credit. Some providers use the term CE credits or CE hours or just CEs, and these also mean regular clock hours.

The term CEU (Continuing Education Unit) is different. One CEU is actually worth 10 clock hours so, *if used correctly*, 17 clock hours equals 1.7 CEUs. Conversely, 1.7 CEUs are worth 17 clock hours, if the term is being used correctly. (Multiply 1.7 CEU by 10 to get 17 hours.) Many providers use the term CEU as if it were synonymous with clock hours. When calculating hours for recertification, be careful not to multiply by 10 when you should not. Never record more hours than you were actually in attendance at an event. Home study credit is usually awarded in hours (or credits) but, again, be careful not to record more than the program's assigned value.

#### OFTEN OVERLOOKED SOURCES OF CE CREDIT

There are several ways to earn continuing education credit aside from workshops, conferences, and academic coursework. NCCs frequently overlook the fact that up to 25 hours of clinical supervision, including peer supervision, can be counted toward the 100 hours needed for recertification. Other recognized activities include publications, presentations, new program development, doctoral dissertation, and leadership in counseling organizations. For details, visit our Web site at [www.nbcc.org](http://www.nbcc.org) and click on Recertification Information or consult your NBCC CE File folder.

## CCE UPDATE

■ **Demand for GCDF**—CCE is excited to report continued international demand for the Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) credential. In the year 2000, CCE solidified an agreement for the first country-specific GCDF credential outside the United States. Five years later, the following countries offer GCDF credentials: Bulgaria, China, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Romania, and Turkey. Each of these countries has a cadre of highly qualified instructors offering unique contributions and perspectives to the GCDF family.

Several years ago, CCE's dream was to create an international network of individuals to share experiences, ideas, best practices, successes, and challenges for the benefit of career development and the clientele it serves. This dream is becoming a reality.

Last year GCDFs from Bulgaria, China, Germany, Turkey, and the United States met for an enlightening conference in Romania. A similar conference hosted by our Bulgarian partners is planned for next year.

Based on current interest and inquiries, CCE expects to add at least fifteen more GCDF countries within the next five years. No two credentials are exactly the same. Each participating country customizes the credential to meet its unique needs while maintaining the twelve basic core competencies.

■ **CoE Program Accreditation**—CCE is providing administrative and board management services for the FreedLance Group and Centers of Career Development Excellence (CoE) Program Accreditation. One of the primary goals of the new CoE Program Accreditation is to help build quality-based, high-performing career development programming capacity in national and regional workforce development systems and their provider networks, especially for those serving educationally or economically disadvantaged populations and entry-level incumbent workers. More information regarding the CoE Program Accreditation is available at [www.cce-global.org/pdfs/hpcd-overview.pdf](http://www.cce-global.org/pdfs/hpcd-overview.pdf).

■ **Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards**—We are pleased to announce the addition of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) to the group of associations managed by CCE. This newly formed association has contracted with CCE to provide general and financial administration. The federation's chief function is ensuring that the practice of massage therapy is provided to the public in a safe and effective manner. This is an exciting opportunity to work with an association in the early stages of development. More information is available at [www.fsmtb.org](http://www.fsmtb.org).

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## RACC BECOMES THE NBCC FOUNDATION

On July 1, the Research and Assessment Corporation for Counseling (RACC) officially became the NBCC Foundation, Inc. After several years of discussion, the NBCC Board of Directors established the foundation with the purposes of promoting research and testing for the advancement of professional counseling as well as soliciting and distributing financial scholarships and loans funded by charitable contributions.

The NBCC Board will soon name the first foundation trustees. Once established, the NBCC Foundation Board of Trustees will continue to develop foundation policies.

The first NBCC Foundation grants have been awarded to seven counseling students and seven counselor educators from schools closed due to recent hurricane damage. These grants were used to offset costs for attending the 2005 ACES Conference in Pittsburgh.

When the design of the foundation is complete, additional information will be available through the NBCC Web site.

### Got News?

If you would like to submit an item for NCCs of NOTE or NCC NETWORK, please refer to the guidelines and deadlines on our Web site: [www.nbcc.org/newsletter/guidelines](http://www.nbcc.org/newsletter/guidelines).

## CE PROVIDER UPDATE

### NEW NBCC APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS (ACEPs)

**American Society of Clinical Hypnosis, Education & Research Foundation**, Bloomingdale, IL, #6226

**Beneficial Film Guides, Inc.**, Wall, NJ, #6218

**California Association of School Counselors, Inc.**, Fremont, CA, #6214

**Chadwick Center for Children and Families at Children's Hospital**, San Diego, CA, #6220

**Cooperative Parenting Institute**, Clarks Summit, PA #6199

**Families, Inc.**, Jonesboro, AR, #6221

**Georgetown Family Center, Bowen Center for the Study of the Family**, Washington, DC, #6225

**Haden Institute**, Flat Rock, NC, #6219

**HealthForum**, Jenkintown, PA, #6216

**Human Development Center/HRC Mental Health Center**, Duluth, MN, #6212

**Institute on Substance Abuse and Addiction Committee, Inc.**, Lubbock, TX, #6208

**Janette Brown**, Seattle, WA, #6213

**Northwood Health Systems, Inc.**, Wheeling, WV, #6224

**USA Transactional Analysis Association (USATAA)**, Ada, OK, #6217

**Wellness Plus**, Altadena, CA, #6215

### PROVIDERS NOT RENEWING NBCC APPROVAL

**William Wendt Center for Loss and Healing**, Washington, DC, #5408

**Southern California Society for Ericksonian Psychotherapy and Hypnosis**, Laguna Niguel, CA, #5481

**Independent Educational Consultants Association**, Fairfax, VA, #5493

**Association for Play Therapy**, Fresno, CA, #5636

**Philadelphia Behavioral Healthcare Services**, Mt. Gretna, PA, #5817

**Continuing Education Partners**, Woodmere, OH, #5865

**McCormick Family Life Institute**, Columbia, MD, #5979

**Full Spectrum Living**, Jeffersonville, NY, #6153

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## NCCs of Note

■ **Catherine C. Craver**, NCC, of Durham, NC, was appointed to the 2005 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The award is the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence that a U.S. organization can receive. As an examiner, Craver is responsible for reviewing and evaluating award applications.

■ **John Eddy**, NCC, CCMHC, CSS, of Denton, TX, was awarded the Editor's Choice Award for his poem, "Who Will Help The Needy?" This award was presented at the International Society of Poets Convention and Symposium sponsored by poetry.com and the International Library of Poetry in Washington, D.C., in August. The poem will be published as part of the book *Eternal Portraits*. Since 1952, Eddy has contributed to more than 60 books and published more than 400 articles worldwide including some poems.

■ **Edward C. Bryant**, NCC, CSS, of Ipswich, MA, received a U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) plaque for the Outstanding Admissions Area in the Northeast. Capt. Bryant, area coordinator of USNA Admissions, also recruits for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and Norwich University.



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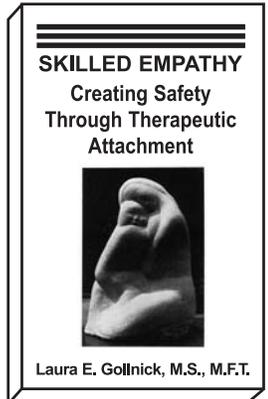
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Interested students can register free of charge by going to [www.nbcc.org](http://www.nbcc.org) and choosing the *StudentWorks* button from the homepage. Registered individuals will have full access to the Web site's contents. While in the *StudentWorks* site, visitors can check out the latest scoop on national and regional conferences, find tips on how to publish, look up puzzling mental health acronyms, or even read first person accounts of "A Day in the Life of an XYZ Counselor." Best of all, as far as NBCC is concerned, is the Suggestion Box on the opening page. "This is a work-in-progress and student feedback will guide our course," said Eubanks. Additional segments under development for *StudentWorks* include an Ask the Ethicist column, a scholarship opportunities list, and student-authored professional articles. □

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