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CBDCE's 2021 Scholarship Program a Huge Success

(Arlington Heights, IL – August 2021) – On behalf of the Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education (CBDCE) and the Awards Committee, CBDCE is happy to announce that recipients for the inaugural launch of the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES) scholarship program (Program) have been selected.

CBDCE established the new Program to support the journey for health professionals in the diabetes care and education specialty and to encourage diversity in the pool of the health professionals holding the CDCES credential. Scholarship categories included: Diversity and Inclusion; Profession Expansion; Veterans and Active Military Service; Young Professional (under age 30) and Under-Resourced Populations.

As the responses to the call for scholarship applications were significantly more than expected, coupled with a sincere need for the Program, the CBDCE Board of Directors chose to award more than the originally planned number of scholarships in its first year. For 2021, 86 scholarships covering the costs of taking the CDCES practice and certification examinations, a value of over \$400 for recipients, were awarded.

“Thank you to the CBDCE Board of Directors and the Awards Committee who selected the scholarship winners. I feel so honored to be chosen for the CDCES scholarship and will use the knowledge I learn to help people with diabetes who have not had access to diabetes education,” said Megan Greathouse, RD, LDN, one of the 86 recipients.

“The CBDCE Board of Directors and staff were very excited to award the 2021 scholarships. We envision the program supporting expanded access to high-quality diabetes care and education and providing the recipients who successfully earn the CDCES credential with an opportunity for continued professional growth and expanded professional opportunities,” said Sheryl Traficano, MBA, CAE, CBDCE's Chief Executive Officer.

CBDCE congratulates the [scholarship recipients](#) and wishes them luck as they continue their journey to becoming CDCESs! Information on the 2022 call for applications will be posted on the CBDCE website in early 2022 at <https://www.cbdce.org/scholarships>.

About CBDCE: CBDCE, formed in 1986 and celebrating its 35th anniversary this year, is a national not-for-profit certifying board that administers the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES) program. The CDCES program is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, and over 19,690 health professionals in the diabetes care and education community hold the CDCES credential. CBDCE's mission is to promote comprehensive and ongoing quality diabetes clinical management, education, prevention and support by defining, developing, maintaining, and protecting the certification and credentialing processes. Learn more at www.cbdce.org or connect with us on Facebook (CertifiedDiabetesEducators) and LinkedIn (Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education).