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Three from Southeastern North Carolina Win Economic Development Training Scholarships

Raleigh, N.C. – June 26, 2022. Three economic development professionals from Southeastern North Carolina have been awarded professional development scholarships from the North Carolina Economic Development Association (NCEDA). The recipients were announced at the association’s annual meeting in Wrightsville Beach on June 15.

Brandie Mae Grubb, economic development specialist at the Sampson County Economic Development Commission, will receive this year’s Dan Stewart Basic Economic Development Scholarship. NCEDA’s Dan Stewart Scholarship covers tuition and other expenses for the Basic Economic Development Class at UNC Chapel Hill.

The 2022 Jack Ervin IEDC Scholarship was awarded to **Megan Sellers, director of marketing and project management for North Carolina’s Southeast**, the Elizabethtown-based regional economic development partnership. The Jack Ervin Scholarship covers tuition and other expenses for one course offered by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

Stephen Barrington, executive director of the Sampson County Economic Development Commission, is the recipient of the 2022 IEDC Certification Scholarship. The award pays up to \$825 for exam registration fees associated with the Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) designation. This is the first year NCEDA has offered the award.

“Along with great relationships, knowledge is the currency of successful economic developers today, and NCEDA works hard to provide a platform for both,” said Randall Johnson, chairman of the NCEDA Foundation, which funds the annual scholarships. “Scholarships address the growing list of education and training programs we encourage practitioners to pursue.”

NCEDA scholarships cover tuition for training programs, as well as travel, lodging, meals and ancillary costs. “These scholarships are a great opportunity, and we encourage our members to apply for them as they consider the training and credentials necessary for long-term career success in economic development,” said Johnson.

Founded in 1966, NCEDA works toward a mission of being “*the* voice for North Carolina’s economic development community – providing professional development, networking opportunities and advocacy to secure the state’s economic future.” The organization is composed of 712 professional economic developers at the state, regional and local levels, as well as educators, engineers, transportation experts, utility industry leaders, attorneys and other professionals. Based in Raleigh, NCEDA provides training, legislative representation, mentoring, news and information, and other services. For additional information, visit www.nceda.org.

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