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NBCC Foundation Awards 30 Addiction Counseling Minority Fellowships

Greensboro, NC—The NBCC Foundation is pleased to announce the 2016 fellowship recipients for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). The goal of the program is to strengthen the infrastructure that engages diverse individuals in counseling and increases the number of professional counselors providing effective, culturally competent services to underserved minority populations. The Foundation will distribute up to \$11,000 to each of the NBCC MFP-AC fellows to support their education and facilitate their addictions counseling service to underserved minority transition-age youth (ages 16–25).

The MFP Advisory Council for Master's Programs selected these applicants to receive the fellowship award. These fellows meet the eligibility requirements of the program, including committing to apply for the National Certified Counselor (NCC) certification prior to graduation, being enrolled in a master's program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP), demonstrating knowledge of and experience with racially and ethnically diverse populations, and committing to provide addictions counseling services to underserved minority transition-age youth (16–25) populations for two years post-graduation. The fellows will work with Foundation staff, the MFP Advisory Council for Master's Programs and mentors to achieve the goal of the program.

The 2016 MFP-AC Fellows are Jordan Lani Austin, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Roscoe C. Bright Jr., Waynesburg University, in Pennsylvania; Jalesah Brooks, the College of New Jersey, in Trenton; Kayla Marie Butcheck, Youngstown State University, in Ohio; Nina M. Carter, Indiana Wesleyan University, in Marion; Amber Collins, the University of Colorado Colorado Springs; Tiffany LeAnne Corbett, North Carolina Central University, in Durham; Moriah Unique Corey, Western Kentucky University, in Bowling Green; Aimee Michelle Davis, the University of Colorado Colorado Springs; Latoya C. Dunston, North Carolina Central University, in Durham; Markie E. Gohman, the University of Colorado Colorado Springs; Elizabeth Marie Hernandez, Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi; Stephanie L. Hood, Marquette University, in Milwaukee; Britain Ingram, Argosy University Atlanta; Kristin Millisent Jones, North Carolina Central University, in Durham; Patricia Jones Joplin, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Natasha Jones Kinto, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke; Kaileen Kristin McMickle, the University of Wisconsin–Stout; Brittany Shantae McNear, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green; Paige N. Pancratz, the University of Colorado Colorado Springs; Valerie L. Platt, Boise State University, in Idaho; Erica Nicole Rankin, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Khalilah Slade, North Carolina Central University, in Durham; Simone F. Smith, The College of New Jersey, in Trenton; Roanna Stroman, Argosy University Atlanta; Anthony Tyre, North Carolina Central University, in Durham; Merida Amarilis Valera, Edinboro University of

Pennsylvania; Eli Varney, the University of Colorado Colorado Springs; Edit Vidalon, Palo Alto University in California; and Spencer Yeamans, Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi.

The NBCC MFP-AC is made possible by a grant awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Foundation is contracted by NBCC to administer the MFP-AC, including training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all NCCs. The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-AC application period in September 2016. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit www.nbccf.org/Programs/Scholarships.

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 60,000 National Certified Counselors (NCCs) in the United States and more than 50 countries. The Foundation’s mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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