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### **NBCC Foundation Awards 30 Master's Counseling Fellowships**

Greensboro, NC—The NBCC Foundation is pleased to announce the 2018 fellowship recipients for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (NBCC MFP-Y). 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 \$240,000 to the 30 NBCC MFP-Y fellows to support their education and facilitate their service to underserved minority populations, with a specific focus on transition-age youth (ages 16–25).

The Foundation received nearly 200 applications for this fellowship opportunity. The Minority Fellowship Program Master's Advisory Council, chaired by 2013 MFP Fellow Dr. David Julius Ford Jr., selected 30 of these applicants to receive the fellowship award. These fellows meet the eligibility requirements of the program, including a commitment to apply for the National Certified Counselor (NCC) certification prior to graduation, enrollment in a master's program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP), demonstrated knowledge of and experience with racially and ethnically diverse populations, and commitment to provide mental health services to underserved minority transition-age youth (16–25) populations for two years post-graduation. The fellows will work with Foundation staff, the MFP Master's Advisory Council, and mentors to achieve the goal of the program.

The 2018 MFP-Y Fellows are LaShawn Meri Adams, Montclair State University, in New Jersey; Y. Ade Bakare, Oklahoma State University–Tulsa; Chelseyah Bena' Bolden, The University of Texas at San Antonio; Marjorie Marie Brown, the University of North Texas, in Denton; Jaimee L. Cordero, Southern Oregon University, in Ashland; Joana Matilde Almeida Couto, The College of New Jersey, in Ewing; Alexis Duckett Faison, Arizona State University, in Tempe; Lori A. Ford, Capella University, in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Roxanna Francies, Arizona State University, in Tempe; Diana Glasser, Northwest Christian University, in Eugene, Oregon; Cherry C. Haywood, Argosy University, Atlanta, in Georgia; Angelica Hernandez, Texas State University, in San Marcos; JJ Jackson, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, in Illinois; Chantelle R. James, Spring Arbor University, in Southfield, Michigan; Jerry Jasmin, the University of Central Florida, in Orlando; Nicholas Ryan Lazzareschi, California State University, Fullerton; Vivian Lee, Texas State University, in San Marcos; Chabreal Atkins McDaniel, Oklahoma State University, in Stillwater; Courtney LeAnn McDonald, Waynesburg University, in Pennsylvania; Shelli Merrill, San Francisco State University, in California; Felix Morton IV, Wake Forest University, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Giscard S. Petion, the University of Central Florida, in Orlando; Carol Lorraine Quinn, Louisiana State University, in Baton Rouge; Kristian E. Robinson, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Oriel Romano, Loyola University New Orleans, in Louisiana; Loo Gen (Genii) Seah-McCrea, Grace College & Theological Seminary, in Winona Lake, Indiana; Ella Shepherd, the University of Central Florida, in Orlando; Elizabeth Solis, Rhode Island College, in Providence; Nathalie Solius, Fairfield University, in Connecticut; and Leah N. Stone, Southeastern Louisiana University, in Hammond.

The NBCC MFP-Y 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-Y,

including training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all NCCs. The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 23 \$20,000 [doctoral fellowships](#) through the Minority Fellowship Program and 34 master's-level fellowships of up to \$11,000 through the [MFP-Addictions Counselors](#) (MFP-AC). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-Y application period in fall 2018. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit <http://www.nbccf.org/programs/fellows>.

#### 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 64,000 board-certified counselors 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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