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Aimee Michelle Davis Awarded \$11,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Colorado Springs, CO—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Aimee Michelle Davis, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC fellow, Davis will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her addictions counseling service to underserved minority transition-age youth (ages 16–25).

The NBCC MFP-AC is made possible by a grant awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in September 2014. The Foundation is contracted by NBCC to administer the NBCC MFP-AC, as well as training and collaboration activities, such as <u>webinars</u>, that are open to all National



Certified Counselors (NCCs). The goal of the program is to reduce health disparities and improve behavioral health care outcomes for racially and ethnically diverse populations by increasing the available number of culturally competent behavioral health professionals.

The NBCC MFP will distribute up to \$11,000 to Davis and the 29 other master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Davis is both a student and graduate of the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, where she is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program with an emphasis in addictions. Upon graduation, Davis intends to work with transition-age youth and minorities, particularly those who have been exposed to family violence and sexual abuse. She would like to work with those who are living in lower socioeconomic conditions where mental health services are typically lacking. This fellowship will allow Davis to take additional coursework as well as attend state and national conferences in order to establish a stronger professional identity as a counselor and advocate for the counseling profession.

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 <a href="https://www.nbccf.org">www.nbccf.org</a>.

## 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 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.