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Anthony Tyre Awarded \$11,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Aurora, NC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Anthony Tyre, of Aurora, North Carolina, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC fellow, Tyre will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his 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 Tyre and the 29 other master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Tyre is a graduate of the American Military University, in Charles Town, West Virginia, and is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at North Carolina Central University, in Durham. Upon graduation, Tyre intends to work with transition-age minority youth by providing counseling within the substance abuse spectrum. He will provide services for individuals living within rural areas where counseling services are often lacking. By earning this fellowship, Tyre will be able to attend conferences that will improve his counseling abilities in ways that will allow him to become an advocate for his target population and his colleagues.

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 <u>www.nbccf.org</u>.

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.