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Daniel Cisneros Awarded \$8,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Sacramento, CA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Daniel Cisneros of Sacramento, California, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (MFP-Y). As an NBCC MFP-Y fellow, Cisneros will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his service to underserved minority populations, with a specific focus on transition-age youth (ages 16–25).



The NBCC MFP-Y 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-Y, as well as training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), 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 number of available culturally competent behavioral health professionals.

The NBCC MFP will distribute \$8,000 education awards to Cisneros and the 30 other master's-level counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Cisneros is a graduate of the University of California, Davis and is currently pursuing a master's degree in the school counseling program at California State University, in Sacramento. Upon graduating, Cisneros intends to continue his work with minority youth and communities of color. He would also like to work with youth, families and communities who are often marginalized, including LGBT youth, youth of color and populations who are not regularly connected with counselors of color. As a result of earning this fellowship, Cisneros will have the opportunity to attend conferences, establish a stronger professional identity with professional counselors across the country, research and learn successful strategies to better serve minority populations, and grow in his professional career.

The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-Y application period in September 2016. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit www.nbccf.org.

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.

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