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Jordan Lani Austin Awarded \$11,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Greensboro, NC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Jordan Lani Austin, of Greensboro, North Carolina, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC fellow, Austin 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 [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 available number of culturally competent behavioral health professionals.

The NBCC MFP will distribute up to \$11,000 to Austin and the 29 other master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Austin is a graduate of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is currently a master's student in the couple and family counseling program at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. After graduation, Austin intends to provide counseling services for transition-age youth who are suffering from addiction and their families. Utilizing a concentration in couple and family counseling, Austin hopes to promote healthy restructuring of family roles during the recovery process. Grateful and honored for this fellowship, Austin will continue to pursue addictions related training in order to better serve those in need and also strengthen her identity as a professional counselor and advocate.

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.

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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