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Kayla Marie Butcheck Awarded \$11,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Oil City, PA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Kayla Marie Butcheck, of Oil City, Pennsylvania, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC fellow, Butcheck 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 Butcheck and the 29 other master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Butcheck is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University–Beaver Campus, in Monaca, and is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health and addictions counseling program at Youngstown State University, in Ohio. Upon graduation, Butcheck intends to work with at-risk youth, young adults and older individuals, specifically those who suffer from substance abuse and dependency. She would like to help individuals who struggle to reach sobriety and live a functioning life. A majority of the individuals she intends to serve struggle with mental illness, homelessness, HIV/AIDS, inadequate medical care, lack of job skills and more. Earning this fellowship will allow Butcheck to finance her education and licensure costs so that she can strengthen her professional identity and better serve the individuals within her community.

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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