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### Pamela N. Harris Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Williamsburg, VA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Pamela N. Harris, of Williamsburg, Virginia, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Harris will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her service to underserved minority populations.



The NBCC MFP is made possible by a grant first awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in August 2012. The Foundation is contracted by NBCC to administer the NBCC MFP, 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 strengthen the infrastructure that engages diverse individuals in counseling and increases the number of professional counselors providing effective, culturally competent services to underserved populations.

The NBCC MFP will distribute \$20,000 to Harris and the 22 other doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Harris is a graduate of Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, and of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey, and is currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. She is studying the impact of multicultural competence and self-efficacy in establishing and maintaining school-family partnerships. Currently, she serves underrepresented community college students. Next school year, she will be the codirector of a program that counsels high school students with substance abuse and mental health concerns. This fellowship will help her reach her goals by enabling her to attend professional development events and connect with other resources that will aid in her research and service.

The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in September 2015. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit [www.nbccf.org](http://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 55,000 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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