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### Tramaine S. Miller-Harris Awarded \$11,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Springfield, VA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Tramaine S. Miller-Harris, of Springfield, Virginia, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC fellow, Miller-Harris 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 Miller-Harris and the 17 other master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Miller-Harris is a graduate of Bennett College, in Greensboro, North Carolina, and is currently a master's student in the forensic psychology program at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, in Washington, D.C. Upon graduation, Miller-Harris intends to work with young adults who feel that they cannot speak or that they have been misunderstood because of substance abuse issues or illnesses that have caused them to make bad decisions. She intends to be a reassuring presence that enters a jail cell and eases young men or women's sense of desperation with the surety of a professional and understanding mindset. Earning this fellowship will allow Miller-Harris to attend additional counseling conferences that will help establish a stronger professional identity and prepare her to work as a future forensic psychologist.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 23 \$20,000 [doctoral fellowships](#) through the Minority Fellowship Program, 30 \$8,000 master's-level fellowships through the [MFP-Youth](#) (MFP-Y) program, and 31 additional [MFP-AC](#) fellowships this year. The Foundation will open the next NBCC Minority Fellowship Program application period in September 2017. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit [www.nbccf.org/programs/scholarships](http://www.nbccf.org/programs/scholarships).

#### 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 63,000 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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