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NBCC Foundation Awards 20 Doctoral Counseling Fellowships

Greensboro, NC – The NBCC Foundation is pleased to announce the 2019 fellowship recipients for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP).

The goals of the program are to strengthen the infrastructure that engages diverse individuals in counseling and increases the number of professional counselors providing effective, culturally competent services to underserved minority populations. The Foundation will distribute \$20,000 each to the 20 NBCC MFP Fellows to support their education and facilitate their service.

The Foundation received nearly 150 applications for this fellowship opportunity. The Minority Fellowship Program Mental Health Counseling Advisory Council, chaired by 2014 MFP Fellow Dr. Dannette Berksteiner, selected 20 of these applicants to receive the fellowship award.

These fellows meet the eligibility requirements of the program, including:

- Holding the National Certified Counselor (NCC) certification.
- Being enrolled in a doctoral program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP).
- Demonstrating knowledge of and experience with racially and ethnically diverse populations.
- Committing to provide mental health and substance abuse services to underserved minority populations.

Fellows will work with Foundation staff, the MFP Advisory Council, and mentors to achieve the goals of the program.

The 2019 doctoral fellows are: Benjamin D. Aiken, the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming; Clark D. Ausloos, The University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio; Ne'Shaun J. Borden, Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia; Virginia "Viky" Garcia, St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas; Loidaly M. González-Rosario, The University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee; Kalesha D. Jenkins, the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio; Andre N. Joachim Jr., Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois; Janelle L. Jones, the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Amber Norman, the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida; James Preston Norris, the University of the Cumberland in Williamsburg, Kentucky; K. Lynn Pierce, The Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pennsylvania; Camila Angélica Pulgar Guzmán, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro in Greensboro, North Carolina; Mónica Rodríguez, the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas; Charles F. Shepard, James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia; Jose Luis Tapia-Fuselier Jr., the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas; Mitchell L Temple, Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia; Maylee Vazquez, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Charlotte, North Carolina; Veronica Wade-Hampton, Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Nicolas Williams, Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia; Shoshanah Baht Yehudah, Governors State University in University Park, Illinois.

The NBCC MFP is made possible by a grant awarded to the NBCC Foundation by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Foundation administers the MFP, including training and

collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all NCCs. The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 30 \$10,000 [master's-level fellowships](#) through the MFP-Mental Health Counseling Master's (MHC-M) and 40 \$15,000 [master's-level fellowships](#) through the MFP-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in fall 2019. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit <http://www.nbccf.org/programs/fellows>.

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 66,000 board-certified counselors in the United States and over 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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