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## T'sharin Latrice Moncrief Awarded \$15,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Montgomery, AL—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected T'sharin Latrice Moncrief, of Montgomery, Alabama, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC Fellow, Moncrief will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her addictions counseling service to underserved minority populations.

The NBCC MFP-AC is made possible by a grant awarded to the NBCC Foundation in collaboration with the Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC) by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Foundation administers the MFP-AC, including 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 Foundation MFP will distribute up to \$15,000 to Moncrief and the other 39 master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Moncrief is a graduate of Huntingdon College, in Montgomery, Alabama, and is currently a master's student in the substance abuse counseling program at Troy University, in Montgomery, Alabama. Upon graduation, Moncrief intends to work with women and youth impacted by domestic violence with coexisting issues of substance and/or alcohol abuse. Earning this fellowship will allow Moncrief to attend conferences in order to keep up to date as a new counselor; provide substance abuse counseling within her nonprofit organization, Women of Refined Gold, Inc.; pay tuition; provide outreach to provide education and empowerment; and receive training to help her better serve the individuals with whom she works.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 20 \$20,000 <u>doctoral fellowships</u> through the Minority Fellowship Program and 30 \$10,000 <u>master's-level fellowships</u> through the MFP-Mental Health Counseling-Master's (MFP-MHC-M). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-AC application period in fall 2019. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit <a href="http://www.nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows">http://www.nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows</a>.

## 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 65,000 board 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.