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NBCC Foundation to Host Third Annual Symposium on Eliminating Mental Health Disparities

The NBCC Foundation, the nonprofit affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), will host the 2017 [Bridging the Gap Symposium](#): Eliminating Mental Health Disparities, sponsored by University of Phoenix, May 24–26, 2017, in Atlanta, Georgia. Join other counseling professionals in examining best practices for bridging the gap in mental health disparities for minority populations.

“[University of Phoenix](#) recognizes the challenges many people face when it comes to access to mental health services,” said Constance St. Germain, Ed.D., J.D., executive dean of University of Phoenix Colleges of Humanities & Sciences, Social Sciences and Criminal Justice. “We are proud to partner with NBCC Foundation and are committed to providing quality education for working adults looking to enhance their careers and work to better serve their communities.”

The 2017 NBCC Foundation Symposium will cover a variety of topics, including brain-based interventions; pharmacology and neurology; specific interventions in trauma and grief/loss; working with specific populations such as military, LGBTQ+ individuals, immigrants and refugees, and individuals with multiple diverse identities; and professional development such as networking, communication, research and publishing, and advocacy.

Up to 11 NBCC continuing education credit hours are available for attending the full conference (up to 8 clock hours for Thursday and up to 3 clock hours for Friday). Discounted rates are available for NCCs and students.

The Symposium’s keynote speaker is D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas. A tribally-enrolled member of the Odawa Nation and a former military officer, Vanas is an internationally acclaimed motivational storyteller. For 20 years, he has delivered dynamic programs in 49 states and overseas to over 7,000 audiences, including Intel Corporation, The Walt Disney Company, NASA, Subaru, Boston Children’s Hospital and hundreds of tribal governments, communities and schools. Vanas will present his keynote session, Victory by Design, on Thursday, May 25.

The Symposium’s kick-off event will be held in Atlanta’s [Center for Civil and Human Rights](#), and will include heavy hors d’oeuvres and full access to the museum’s exhibits. The center invites attendees to “explore the fundamental rights of all human beings from a safe place. Leave inspired and empowered to join the ongoing dialogue about human rights in your community.”

Visit www.nbccf.org/symposium to register, learn more about the keynote presenter and meet the other Symposium presenters. Register before April 25 for an early-bird rate and use the promo code 2017 to receive 10 percent off the registration fee.

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 (NCCs) 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.

About University of Phoenix® College of Social Sciences

University of Phoenix College of Social Sciences offers programs in human services, psychology and counseling. The college's curriculum seeks to empower individuals who wish to enhance their skills for career entry or enhance their current roles in the helping professions. Curriculum is regularly updated to meet national and state professional standards. University of Phoenix College of Social Sciences faculty members are experienced professionals, holding advanced degrees. Many sit on state licensure and accreditation boards as well as professional committees.

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