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### Roscoe C. Bright Jr. Awarded \$11,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Elizabeth, PA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Roscoe C. Bright Jr., of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC fellow, Bright will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his 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 Bright and the 29 other master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Bright is both a student and graduate of Waynesburg University, in Pennsylvania, where he is currently a master's student in the addictions track of the counseling program. Bright intends to work with transition-age youth with drug and alcohol concerns that are negatively affecting their lives. Bright would like to work with a population that is involved in the juvenile justice system as well as those struggling in their educational and social environment. This fellowship will allow Bright to better educate himself and attend conferences as well as educational trainings that will ultimately allow him to find newer treatment techniques as well as a wide variety of effective intervention techniques to address a vast population in a modernized holistic style of treatment.

The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-AC application period in September 2016. 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 60,000 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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