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Dèsa Karye Daniel Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From the NBCC Foundation



Albuquerque, NM—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Dèsa Karye Daniel, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Doctoral Counselors (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Doctoral Fellow, Daniel will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her service to underserved populations.

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 NBCC Foundation administers the MFP, including training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all board certified counselors. The goal of the program is to strengthen the infrastructure that engages diverse individuals in counseling and increases the number of professional counselors providing effective, culturally competent services to underserved populations.

The NBCC Foundation will distribute \$20,000 to Daniel and the other 19 doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Daniel is a graduate of New Mexico State University and is currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at The University of New Mexico. Daniel's research interest focuses on supervision relationships for racial/ethnic minority populations, the lived experiences of racial/ethnic college students, and the lived experiences of Black/African American women in academic spaces. Daniel works with diverse clients at a community mental health clinic and a college counseling center where her work focuses on the Black student populations.

Daniel continues to advocate for inclusive spaces for racial/ethnic minority students within academia and within organizations to increase graduate student resources. She received her dual master's degrees in clinical mental health counseling and higher education administration. She is a University of New Mexico Center for Social Policy Fellow and currently serves as the Chair for the American Education Research Association 2020 Graduate Student Council. This fellowship will assist Daniel in expanding her work addressing the mental health needs disparities of Black populations by increasing her opportunities to be involved in national organizations, professional development training, and the development of scholarly publications.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 30 \$10,000 [master's-level fellowships](#) through the MFP-Mental Health Counseling-Master's (MFP-MHC-M) and 40 [master's-level fellowships](#) of \$15,000 through the MFP for Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). The NBCC Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in fall 2020. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows.

*Biographical information provided by the awardee.

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 NBCC Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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