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Ahou Vaziri Line Awarded the 2020–2021 Dr. Nicholas A. Vacc Scholarship



Greensboro, NC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded the Dr. Nicholas A. Vacc Scholarship to Ahou Vaziri Line, of Frisco, Texas. The award, endowed in memory of University of North Carolina at Greensboro professor Dr. Nicholas A. Vacc, recognizes doctoral-level counseling students for their commitment to advancing the profession of counseling through research and testing.

The mission of the NBCC Foundation is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change. The Dr. Nicholas A. Vacc Scholarship directly supports the ever-changing landscape of the counseling profession by encouraging doctoral-level students to engage in research and testing development.

As a Dr. Nicholas A. Vacc Scholarship recipient, Line will receive \$5,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the profession. Line is a graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas and Southern Methodist University and is currently enrolled as a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at the University of North Texas.

Upon graduation, Line aims to pursue a career in academia and continue her clinical work as a mental health counselor. Through academia, Line intends to advocate for immigrant populations by researching parent perspectives of child-centered play therapy within first-generation American families. As a future counselor educator, she hopes to instill in her students the importance of understanding diverse cultures and varied perspectives on child-rearing when working with clients. Within clinical work, Line seeks to support practitioners who engage in therapy with children and adolescents by providing guidance and training in relation to working with parents, especially those from marginalized communities. Earning this scholarship will allow Line to advocate for the counseling profession by strengthening her identity as a future counselor educator, researcher, supervisor, and clinician.

The NBCC Foundation also awarded 12 [\\$8,000 scholarships](#) this award year to increase the number of counselors serving rural and military populations. The Foundation plans to continue offering scholarships to increase the number of counselors in the areas where they are needed most and will open the next application period in spring 2021. For more information or to make a gift to support scholars like these, please visit 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 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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