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### Chauntreniece Davis Awarded \$10,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Marrero, LA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Chauntreniece Davis of Marrero, Louisiana, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program Mental Health Counseling-Master’s (MFP-MHC-M). As an NBCC MFP-MHC-M Fellow, Davis will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her service to underserved minority populations.

The NBCC MFP-MHC-M is made possible by a grant awarded to the NBCC Foundation by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Foundation administers the MFP, 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 number of available culturally

competent behavioral health professionals.

The NBCC Foundation MFP will distribute up to \$10,000 to Davis and the other 29 master’s-level counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Davis is a graduate of Louisiana State University, in Baton Rouge, and is currently a master’s student in the counselor education–mental health and school counseling program at Louisiana State University Agricultural & Mechanical College, in Baton Rouge. Upon her graduation, she is determined to serve minority students and their families by equipping students and families with information to make informed decisions for postsecondary options and students’ future careers. Furthermore, she desires to reduce disparities in education and discipline rates for minority students in her role as a school counselor or an employee for the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Aid. By earning this fellowship, Davis will be able to obtain her goals through national exposure to evidence-based best practices, research experience, and professional development. She believes that her opportunity to be a 2019 MFP Fellow was no accident but a divine appointment. Consequently, she is determined to live a life that is missional and purposed for the glory of God to give hope to the hopeless and impact minority students and families across Louisiana.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 20 \$20,000 [doctoral fellowships](#) through the Minority Fellowship Program and 40 [master’s-level fellowships](#) of \$15,000 through the MFP-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MHC-M application period in fall 2019. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit <http://www.nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows>.

#### 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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