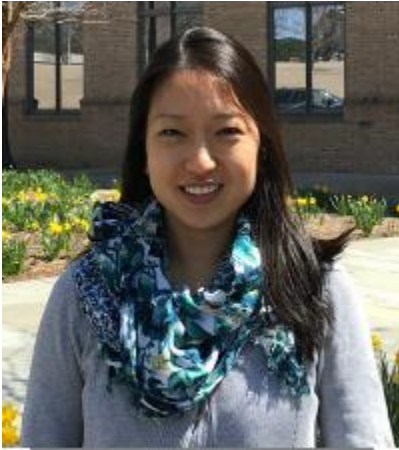


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Ms. Nancy M. Chae Awarded the 2019 Dr. Nicholas Vacc Scholarship



Fairfax, VA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded the Dr. Nicholas Vacc Scholarship to Ms. Nancy M. Chae, of Fairfax, Virginia. The award, endowed in memory of University of North Carolina at Greensboro professor Dr. Nicholas 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 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 Vacc Scholarship recipient, Ms. Chae will receive \$5,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the profession.

Ms. Chae is currently a third-year doctoral candidate in counselor education and supervision at William and Mary with a research concentration in school counseling practice and education. She received her bachelor's at the University of Virginia in psychology and studies in women and gender, and she earned a master's degree in school counseling and post-master's certificate in clinical mental health counseling at Johns Hopkins University. She is licensed as a school counselor and clinical professional counselor in Maryland and is also a National Certified Counselor (NCC), National Certified School Counselor (NCSC), and Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS). She was a school counselor in Baltimore City Public Schools in Baltimore, Maryland, where she was a P–8 school counselor for two years and a high school counselor for four years. She has experience with supporting International Baccalaureate programming for the Middle Years and Diploma Programs. Concurrently, in her last year of high school counseling, Ms. Chae also served as a director of high school admissions. Ms. Chae's goal as a recipient of the Dr. Nicholas Vacc Scholarship is to advance her current work and demonstrate a commitment to strengthening the profession of counseling by pursuing her dissertation research and developing a research agenda to advocate for social justice-focused school counseling practices that address and remove barriers to equitable access to academic rigor for underserved P–12 students and their families.

The NBCC Foundation also awards 10 \$8,000 scholarships each 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 2020. 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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