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NBCC Foundation Awards Addiction Counseling Minority Fellowships

Greensboro, NC—The NBCC Foundation is pleased to announce the 2015 fellowship recipients for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). 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 minority populations. The Foundation will distribute up to \$11,000 to each of the NBCC MFP-AC Fellows to support their education and facilitate their addictions counseling service to underserved minority transition-age youth (ages 16–25).

The MFP Advisory Council for Master's Programs selected these applicants to receive the fellowship award. These Fellows meet the eligibility requirements of the program, including committing to apply for the National Certified Counselor (NCC) certification prior to graduation, being enrolled in a master's program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP), demonstrating knowledge of and experience with racially and ethnically diverse populations, and committing to provide addictions counseling services to underserved minority transition-age youth (16–25) populations for two years postgraduation. This first cohort of MFP-AC Fellows will work with Foundation staff, the MFP Advisory Council for Master's Programs and mentors to achieve the goal of the program.

The 2015 MFP-AC Fellows are Shehnila Ali, North Carolina Central University, in Durham; Nathan Shaylor Alley, Argosy University Twin Cities; Shiela R. Campbell, the State University of New York at Brockport; Raphael Fredric Roxas Samson, Monmouth University, in West Long Branch, New Jersey; Kiel Frett, North Carolina Central University, in Durham; Dana Gieszler, Portland State University, in Oregon; Isanely Guerrero, Lamar University, in Beaumont, Texas; Brandy Heavrin, Western Kentucky University, in Bowling Green; Renae C. Hill, University of Colorado Colorado Springs; Lacrisa Holcomb, North Carolina Central University, in Durham; Susan Hughes, The College of William & Mary, in Williamsburg, Virginia; Casey Kelly, University of Colorado Colorado Springs; Elyse E. Kusse, the State University of New York at Brockport; Christina C. Martinez, the State University of New York at Brockport; Jerrica McDonald, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, in Greensboro; Erin R. Poore, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Brandon M. Roberts, Lamar University, in Beaumont, Texas; Patricia Roth, University of South Dakota, in Vermillion; Melissa Sanders, University of Colorado Colorado Springs; Jessica Sims, Western Carolina University, in Cullowhee, North Carolina; Eshley Spitzer, University of Colorado Colorado Springs; Madeline Stenersen, Marquette University, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Jimia D. Stokes, Governor's State University, in University Park, Illinois; Chinasa Tyler, The College of New Jersey, in Ewing Township; Princilla Ursery, Western Michigan University, in Kalamazoo; Wesley Jackson Wade, North Carolina Central

University, in Durham; Geraldine H. White, Argosy University, in Atlanta, Georgia; and Mary Williams, The College of New Jersey, in Ewing Township.

The NBCC MFP-AC is made possible by a grant awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Foundation is contracted by NBCC to administer the MFP-AC, including training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all NCCs. The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-AC application period in September 2015. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its Fellows, please visit www.nbccf.org/Programs/Scholarships.

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 55,000 National Certified Counselors (NCCs) 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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