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Diana Glasser Awarded \$8,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Eugene, OR—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Diana Glasser of Eugene, Oregon, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (MFP-Y). As an NBCC MFP-Y Fellow, Glasser will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her service to underserved minority populations, with a specific focus on transition-age youth (ages 16–25).

The NBCC MFP-Y is made possible by a grant awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in September 2014. The Foundation is contracted by NBCC to administer the NBCC MFP-Y, as well as 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 MFP will distribute \$8,000 education awards to Glasser and the 29 other master's-level counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Glasser is a graduate of Gutenberg College, in Eugene, Oregon, and of Hawthorn University, in Whitehorn, California, and is currently pursuing a master's in the clinical mental health counseling program at Northwest Christian University, in Eugene, Oregon. Upon graduation, Glasser plans to work with marginalized transition-age minority youth, specifically those struggling with culture shock and identity crisis. She would also like to work with young adults experiencing early symptoms of mental illness and assist them in receiving a culturally informed diagnosis and treatment. Earning this fellowship will allow Glasser to attend counseling conferences and further her professional identity as a counselor, engage in research regarding her populations of interest, study evidence-based practices, and provide assistance to marginalized populations.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 23 \$20,000 <u>doctoral fellowships</u> through the Minority Fellowship Program and 34 master's-level fellowships of up to \$11,000 through the <u>MFP-Addictions Counselors</u> (MFP-AC). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-Y application period in fall 2018. 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 64,000 board-certified counselors 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.