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Jaimee L. Cordero Awarded \$8,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Central Point, OR—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Jaimee L. Cordero of Central Point, Oregon, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (MFP-Y). As an NBCC MFP-Y Fellow, Cordero 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 Cordero and the 29 other master's-level counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Cordero is a graduate of Capella University, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is both a student and graduate of Southern Oregon University, in Ashland, where she is pursuing a master's in clinical mental health counseling. Upon graduation, Cordero plans to incorporate her initial master's degree in emergency management into her counseling practice and work from a positive psychotherapy approach. Her desire is to work with transition-age minority youth and their family systems who experience daily challenges and/or extreme traumas. Example populations may include youth on the autism spectrum and their family supports, youth who experience an unexpected accident or death in the family and their family systems, or youth who experience a school shooting and their support networks. Earning this fellowship award will assist Cordero in accessing further trainings and conferences, enhancing professional skills, and developing professional relationships to strengthen her clinical network.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 23 \$20,000 [doctoral fellowships](#) through the Minority Fellowship Program and 34 master's-level fellowships of up to \$11,000 through the [MFP-Addictions Counselors \(MFP-AC\)](#). 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.

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