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Jerry Jasmin Awarded \$8,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Orlando, FL—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Jerry Jasmin of Orlando, Florida, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (MFP-Y). As an NBCC MFP-Y Fellow, Jasmin will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his 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 Jasmin and the 29 other master's-level counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Jasmin is a graduate of Arizona State University, in Tempe, and is currently pursuing a master's in the marriage, couple, and family therapy program at the University of Central Florida, in Orlando. Upon graduation, Jasmin intends to work with transition-age minority youth, particularly those who are transitioning from collegiate athletics into professional athletics. Jasmin would like to work with professional athletes, who are often dehumanized by the general public, in an attempt to diminish the stigma attached to seeking mental health services among this population. Earning this fellowship will allow Jasmin to attend counseling conferences to establish a stronger professional identity as a counselor, join sports counseling interest networks, and obtain certificates aimed at serving the underserved population of collegiate and professional athletes. Jasmin would like to work with organizations, such as the NCAA, NFL, and NBA, to raise awareness on the importance of integrating mental health services into their wellness programs.

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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