



CLARENCE K. BUMPAS

Born in Southeast Colorado Springs, Colorado, Clarence earned a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and Human Services from the University of Northern Colorado. In college Clarence was a member of the football team as a 2x All-American, Ray Buchannon Award candidate, 1st and 2nd team All-Conference, and Humanitarian of the year award(2011). Clarence spent his free time public speaking to transition age youth, coaching and mentoring at the Boys and Girls Club, and community outreach in elementary schools and youth centers in Greeley, Colorado.

From 2016 to 2018 Clarence worked in C. Springs school districts 2 and 11 as a Behavior Interventionist and Paraprofessional and a Counselor and Student Advocate. Following the pursuit of an Addiction Counselors and Registered Psychotherapist Certifications leading to further pursuit applying to graduate school to become a Licensed Professional Counselor.

In 2019 Clarence was accepted into Colorado Christian's Clinical and Mental Health Counseling graduate program. In January of 2020 Clarence was selected for a fellowship by the NBCC(National Board of Certified Counselors) and NAADAC(National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselor) as a Minority Addictions Counselor Fellow. Clarence is currently working at the Denver Recovery Group at a local methadone clinic in Southeast Colorado as a counselor.

Clarence is also working to establish a collective group of professionals in conjunction with other local organization to promote Mental Health Awareness in underserved and minority populations. With the aspirations of raising awareness as well as providing low to no cost Mental Health service to the Southeast Colorado Springs community.

"Working with The Hillside Connection has assisted the growth of my professional development in multiple areas. Areas such as organization,



networking, and planning which have assisted in the collaboration of MMHI (Minority Mental Health Initiative) and Chinook Center to plan an upcoming event directed at community outreach, raising Mental Health awareness and providing services targeting basic survival needs of the underserved community of Southeast Colorado Springs. Words cannot express my gratitude; however, I hope to be able to demonstrate it through continued effort to effect change in the minority population that is the Southern sides of Colorado Springs."