

Mathematics and Science for Minority Students

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Program Updates

Happy New Year! In spite of how last year closed out, and this year is starting off, nationally, and globally, I hope this eNews finds you and yours well and in good health. For us in the (MS)² office, the new year brings with it much anticipation. Applications for the incoming cohort of first-year scholars will close soon. Thank you to everyone who supported our recruitment efforts! Overall, we witnessed an increase in interest this past fall and winter from prospective students, reflecting similar recruitment numbers seen prior to the Covid 19 pandemic. This return has been very welcome as it reflects the positive atmosphere and community we have worked hard to (re)establish since slowly moving away from the height of the pandemic.

As we slowly move towards longer and longer days, it is with great excitement that we begin to read applications. While the winter brings cold and dark, reading the hopes and aspirations of the next generation as they strive to achieve their goals brings warmth and light. In about two and a half weeks, we will make finalist selections! Approximately 75 students from across the country will earn an interview and get a chance to shine and demonstrate why they want to earn an offer of enrollment.

Would you like to help us out with in-person interviews? This coming winter I will be traveling to Cleveland, Louisville, Washington DC, and Baltimore (not necessarily in that order) from the 13-21st of February. I will also be in and around Phoenix, AZ and Albuquerque, NM in early March. If you would like to assist with interviews, please reach out to ms2@andover.edu. Also, while I'm in those cities and areas, we will host (MS)² Alum kickbacks to help keep the energy high for the 50th reunion! Stay tuned!!! If you can't make a kickback but have time for lunch or a quick coffee/tea/snack while I'm in your area, please reach out. I love any and all opportunities to connect with alums.



Scholar Spotlight

Our Scholar Highlight this quarter features **Daniel Williams, (MS)² Class of 2020**. After graduating from San Juan High School in Blanding, Utah, Daniel attended the University of Southern California where he earned a bachelor of arts in Non-Governmental Organizations & Social Change. During the summer of 2024 Daniel returned to (MS)² as an intern and then in summer 2025 as the (MS)² Administrative Assistant. Currently, Daniel is working as an Administrative Office Assistant for Shoreline Law Firm in Santa Monica, CA. "My goal is to gain more experience in office administration while also starting to look into tribal law.

One of my priorities is addressing college partnerships with tribal casinos, which currently lack Native/Indigenous input. Including an Indigenous consultant in conversations to fund scholarships for

Native/Indigenous students would be a step toward genuine representation and equity. For example, my alma mater only offers one Native scholarship, and it's limited in funding, awarded to just a few students, and only available to first-year students during their first year. That's not enough! On top of that, housing is only guaranteed for the first two years, leaving many Native/Indigenous students scrambling to find affordable off-campus housing or relying on uncertain student housing options. With USC's Native/Indigenous population growing, the university needs to move beyond the bare minimum and set a new standard for what true support looks like.

My vision includes securing more scholarships through tribal partnerships with Indigenous voices at the table, developing free or affordable off-campus housing specifically for Native/Indigenous students, as well as expanding resources like student lounges staffed by Indigenous professionals. Ultimately, I want to work toward re-indigenizing USC so that Native/Indigenous students feel fully seen, supported, and celebrated."



Get Involved

Work for (MS)² this Summer

*Still feeling the love in your heart for (MS)²? We're actively hiring for a number of summer faculty and Teaching Assistant roles for the summer of 2026. You can make a real difference for (MS)² scholars by joining our summer team. **Details and a link to the job application can be found [here](#).***

Welcome New Scholars

The incoming cohort of (MS)² first year scholars will receive their admission notification emails the first weekend in April. We'd like to invite them and their families to meet current scholars and alumni in their respective regions. *Would you be willing to host an informal gathering in early May or early June to welcome them?* This does not have to be a formal event. Past "welcome events" have included coffee shop meet ups, backyard BBQs, museum tours, and college campus visits. Let us know by emailing ms2@andover.edu.



Support (MS)²

WHY EVERY GIFT MATTERS

(MS)² Alumni show up in powerful ways—especially in supporting our today's scholars. When alumni participate in annual giving, it sends a powerful message of belief in their futures. No gift is too small to make a difference.

Consider how your dollars are being spent today:

- **\$5** – Ice cream social for one student
- **\$10** – School supplies (e.g., notebook, pens, pencils)
- **\$50** - (MS)² hoodie for a third-year scholar
- **\$100** – Cultural Sharing props and accessories
- **\$250** - Off-Campus activities for one scholar for 1 summer
- **\$500** - Chromebook, case, and (MS)² backpack for one scholar
- **\$1,000** - Transportation for one scholar for 1 summer
- **\$2,500** - One Wednesday college visit for third-year scholars

Can you see how gifts of every size add up to real impact? For example, this past year **alumni giving** amounted to **FULL TUITION (that is roughly \$8,000)** for **eight of today's scholars!** When more alumni come together to participate, we create opportunities for students, faculty, and programs, and show the world that our alumni believe in this institution. Small gifts, united by a shared commitment, fuel big momentum.



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