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Program Updates

It's late April on campus which means I have completed scholar selection and now turn my focus on preparing to welcome faculty, staff, and scholars to campus for (MS)²'s

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scholars from as close as Lawrence, MA and as far away as Pine Ridge, SD. For student interviews, I traveled to Louisville, KY, Baltimore, MD, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, GA (see picture below), and the southwest (NM and AZ). Along with interviewing bright teens, in every city and location I visited I had the pleasure of breaking bread with alums and cold calling middle schools and high schools for outreach/student recruitment purposes. In 2025, I will be traveling to Arizona, Illinois, Kentucky, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, and Texas. If you're interested in meeting up next year, [please reach out](#) now so I've got accurate contact information to use to invite you out for a coffee or a meal. Lastly, I heard from some alums that they were finding the eNewsletters in SPAM folders or not receiving them. Would you share this newsletter with an alum you think may not be receiving them in their primary inbox?



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Scholar Spotlight

Rest in Power

With great sadness we share the passing of **Neferteneken (Nef) Francis '99** on 5 April following a courageous battle with cancer. Nef first came to Andover as an (MS)² student from Washington, D.C. After college, Nef taught several summers in (MS)² before joining the faculty of Phillips Academy for one year as a Teaching Fellow in 2006-2007. Nef continued to work for (MS)² during the summers and served at Phillips Academy as an Instructor in Chemistry from 2009 to 2017. Nef's light was bright and those we have spoken with about her verify that she was well-loved by all and will be remembered fondly for her spirit and determination to make every day beautiful. For those who wish to share condolences with family (including Nefertena (Tena) Francis, (MS)² '02) and friends can do so here with [this link](#).

If you would like to share remembrances of other (MS)² alumni, please email ms2@andover.edu.



Get Involved

Regional Gatherings

Would you be willing to coordinate an in-person, informal gathering for our newly admitted scholars this May or June? We'd love to connect the incoming first-year cohort with current scholars and alumni in their respective cities prior to their arrival at Andover. Since we did not receive any offers after our Winter eNews solicitation, we are

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included coffee shop meet ups, backyard BBQs, museum tours, and college campus visits. Please email the (MS)² office at ms2@andover.edu if you can help out.

Internships

Do you or your employer offer internship opportunities - whether summer or year-round? Please share them with the (MS)² office as well as post them on social media. Also join the (MS)² LinkedIn group at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/808167/> to connect with potential (MS)² interns. (Pictured below are (MS)² alumni who returned to work as (MS)² faculty, TAs, RAs and our administrative intern in summer 2023.)



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Support (MS)²

PA Giving Day was a big success for (MS)²! We are deeply grateful to the 80 donors who showed their love and support. You helped us secure almost \$70,000 toward our budget ahead of summer programming.

There's another opportunity for giving right around the corner! Our June appeal will highlight (MS)²'s upcoming program review, aimed at tailoring our curriculum to better reflect our scholars' diverse backgrounds. [Your support](#) can transform lives!



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