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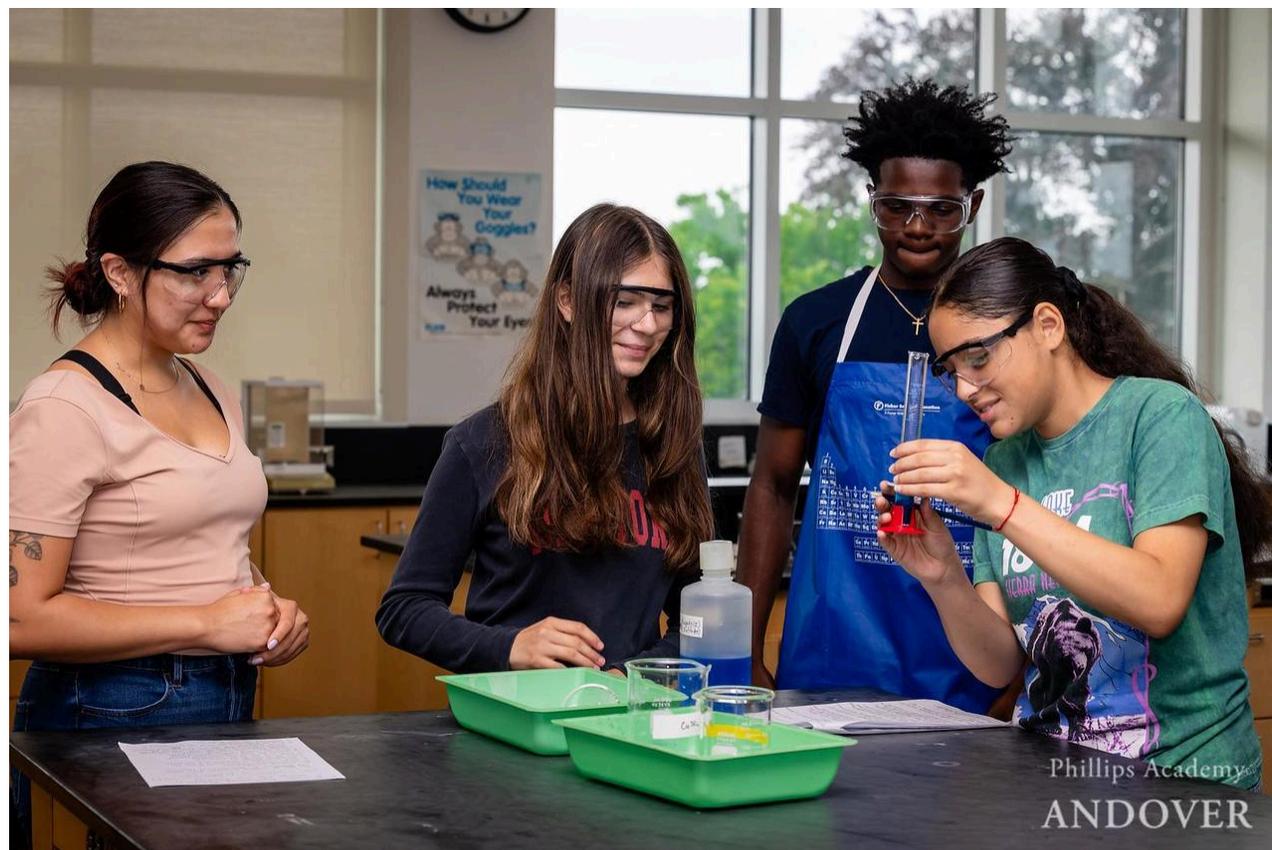
Program Updates

I would like to start this eNewsletter off with a big thank you to the (MS)² alums who led the first ever program review of (MS)². In order of their graduating year, Tracie Screven '91, Kristina Halona '95, Jared Crooks '06, Victor Leos '11, and Kati Cabral '15. They were tasked with assessing the mission, vision, and purpose, curriculum and instruction, and student experience. The team worked hard throughout the end of the spring in preparation for their on-campus visit. I am excited about the report they will generate, which should arrive to my desk around mid-October. I will share important takeaways in the winter eNewsletter with y'all.

Does mention of the program review have you wondering, "*How can I get involved?*" Please check out the (MS)² website and complete the [Alumni Survey](#). In the survey we list a myriad of opportunities to support the program. (We'll also list opportunities below in the 'Get Involved' section on a seasonal basis.)

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Outside of the program review, the summer went well overall. One-hundred and eight scholars engaged in rigorous academics, fun on and off campus activities, and gained valuable skills living away from family for 5 weeks. Unfortunately, (MS)² and the greater Andover Summer community continues to be negatively impacted by race-based incidents that strain the community and the scholars' feelings of safety. To improve the ways (MS)² supports students, we are looking to partner with the Dean of Community and Multicultural Development to strengthen and shorten our response time to the impacted students. We also intend to partner with students more intentionally. One way that will look will be through a Student Council where current scholars will have a voice at the administrative decision-making table to support our planning and carrying out of programming.



Scholar Spotlight

Our Scholar Highlight this quarter features **James Robinson, class of 2015**. James, whose hometown is New York City, graduated from Dartmouth College in 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts in Quantitative Social Science. Since completing his undergraduate studies, James has worked as a research assistant, college coach, college counseling instructor, and postsecondary advisor. James is our scholar/alum in the spotlight because he recently accepted the position of (MS)² College Counselor. He is assuming the role once held by Karina Hernandez-Guarniz, (MS)² class of 1996. We are excited

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be focused on the college counseling course during the summer, James will also be involved in networking with alums to strengthen the alumni network and understand the ways in which (MS)² can support graduates of the program at different stages of their academic and professional careers. Please join us in welcoming James on board!



Get Involved

Scholar Recruitment/College Networking

- The application for Summer 2025 opened 1 October! *Would you be open to participating in a webinar with Dr. Sykes? Are you available to conduct an information session at your local high school?*
- *Would you like to support James in his efforts to strengthen the alumni network?* We're always looking to update our database of contact information as well as support regional alumni events.

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(MS)² Rewind & Reconnect (Virtual)

Save the date! October 24th at 6 pm EDT

Join us for a quick hour of insights, connections, and opportunities with fellow alumni and key updates from (MS)² as we inch closer to our 50th year nurturing and educating motivated high school students of color. *What keeps us moving?* You do! Log on to share your questions about today's student body, trends in education, and how you can support (MS)² from wherever you are. Your registration link is coming to your inbox soon. Can't attend this one? Our next (MS)² Rewind & Reconnect will be on April 24th, 2025 at 6pm!

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