

Mathematics and Science for Minority Students

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Dear (MS)² Alumni Community,

What a wonderful summer! Summer 2025 being my third summer as Director, I had the privilege of seeing the first cohort of students I interviewed, matriculate and graduate from (MS)². The scholars put on another fantastic Cultural Sharing showcase ([click here if you missed it](#)), engaged in rigorous academic work, and strengthened and developed friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime. Along with witnessing the pathway from application to matriculation and finally to graduation, the 3rd year scholars helped my 3rd summer extra special. During the Graduation Dinner, the 3rd year scholars honored my efforts and time by gifting me a stole, which had their names and the names of all the alums working on campus.



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There was also a shift, or return if you will, in the program. For the first time in close to 30 years, students of southeast Asian descent were enrolled as 1st year scholars. While there was an adjustment period, (MS)² scholars welcomed the students with open arms. At the end-of-summer Passing of the Legacy celebration, the current Cultural Sharing Leaders brought the new students fully into the fold by electing them as Cultural Sharing Legacies to support the development of a performance grounded in their past, present, and futures.



Lastly, thank you again to all of the alums who helped make this summer possible. There are the alums who supported the recruitment, application reading, and interview phases. There are the alums who made (MS)² Giving Day a huge success! There are the alums who came back to campus as administrators, lead instructors, and Teaching Assistants. There are the alums on the Advisory Council with whom we met in July to solicit feedback and thoughts on program priorities and goals. There are the alums who came back during the weekend of Cultural Sharing to celebrate reunions and/or to come back and fellowship with other alums. And, lastly, we also had an alum come back to campus to participate in (MS)²'s Career Fair.

We'll be in touch soon with our Fall eNewsletter. Talk soon!

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Cheers,
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