

"My decision to enroll in Stanford's Master's Program in Human Genetics and Genetic Counseling was swayed by the program's amazing faculty and cross-cultural and linguistics training opportunities that greatly complement my desire to serve diverse communities." - Debbie

"I am so impressed with the resources available at Stanford, especially Stanford's focus on clinical experiences. From day 1 we've had the luxury of working directly with Genetic Counselors. This provides a greater understanding of real world application and reinforcement of the academic coursework, makes for a more meaningful experience, and prepares students for future employment." - Melissa

What does the Class of 2010 have to say about Stanford?

"I came to Stanford because it has the entire package: faculty who are at the forefront of science, a thoroughly integrated scientific and psychosocial approach to training, fantastic rotation sites, and boundless campus opportunities and resources. Stanford's GC program is tireless in its effort to provide the tools we need to be the leaders and genetic counselors for not only today, but for the future." - Sarah

"I am interested in the impact of genetics on society. Through the diverse interests of the Stanford faculty, we have the opportunity to explore not only the role of genetics in medicine but to consider ethical, legal, cultural and commercial implications of genetics too-- all taught by pioneering thinkers in those fields." - Gemma



"The staff here is at the top of their fields, and they have been excellent at helping us learn; they clearly want us to succeed in obtaining the best education in this field that we could possibly have. The variety of elective choices is phenomenal; the opportunities seem limitless." - Diana

"I chose Stanford's GC program because of the equal attention in the curriculum to genetics and psychosocial training, while also encouraging us to explore research opportunities and to reach our greatest potential as counselors in diverse clinical settings." - Amanda

"One of the main reasons I chose to come to Stanford is due to the program's affiliation with CIRGE and the opportunity that this affiliation gives me to be involved some of the larger ethical debates taking place in genetics and genetic counseling." - Ellyn

Join us at Stanford – the opportunities are endless!

STANFORD UNIVERSITY --- CLASS OF 2010
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Sarah Bannon is from Texas, and completed her undergraduate degree in Voice Studies and Pre-Med at the University of Texas, Austin in 2008. Sarah has observed prenatal genetic counseling, has been a resident assistant for 2 years, served as a biochemistry preceptor, and has experience providing equine riding therapy for persons with disabilities.



Deborah (Debbie) Barragan is from Northern California, and received her Bachelors degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology from the University of California, Berkeley in 2004. Debbie has spent the past several years working in a laboratory at Stanford's Department of Dermatology, and has served as a domestic violence counselor, a teachers aid in a second chance youth program, and as a Latino community diabetes educator. Debbie is also fluent in Spanish.



Gemma Chandratillake Brown is originally from the UK, and currently lives in San Francisco. Gemma received her undergraduate degree in Genetics from the University of Cambridge, and completed a PhD in 2005 from The Open University. For the past several years Gemma served as a visiting scientist at the University of Washington and most recently has been completing a post-doc at UCSF and volunteering at the UCSF cancer genetics program. She has also done volunteer work at a rural hospital in Kenya and for various holiday centers for elderly adults and people with disabilities.



Diana Darcy received a Bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering from Cornell in 1984, and her Masters in Engineering Management from Stanford in 1989. After spending many years working in the technology sector in Northern California, Diana decided to make a career change, and has spent the past several years completing additional courses at Foothill College, and shadowing the prenatal genetic counseling team at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital. She has also volunteered at the Ronald McDonald house and at her children's school.



Ellyn Farrelly is originally from Northern California, and received her Bachelors degrees in Forensic Science and Biochemistry from California State University – Sacramento in 1995. She completed a Masters degree in Religion at the University of Chicago in 2008, and also worked in an evolutionary development laboratory while at U of C. Over the intervening years, she worked on pancreatic cancer research at UCSF and in drug discovery at Amgen. Ellyn has shadowed pediatric and cancer genetic counselors, volunteered at a children's hospital, and served as a peer tutor.



Amanda Knoth is from Ohio, and received her undergraduate degree in Biology and Psychology at The Ohio State University in 2008. She has spent several years volunteering and working as a genetic counseling assistant with the cancer genetic counselors at OSU, and has observed genetic counseling in several settings. She has also been a sexual assault counselor, and served as a research assistant in a social psychology laboratory.



Melissa Mills has lived in the Bay Area for several years, and received a co-terminal undergraduate and Masters degree from Stanford in Earth Systems in 2000. After completing her degrees, Melissa worked for AmeriCorps and several environmental companies. For the past year she has been completing additional coursework and volunteering at Planned Parenthood to prepare for the profession of genetic counseling.