

*Stanford MS in Human Genetics  
and Genetic Counseling  
Class of 2012*



**Aarin Ables is from Los Angeles. She is receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Howard University in Washington in 2010. She has worked in a Rape Crisis Center as a volunteer counselor. She would like to create awareness for the field of genetic counseling in underrepresented populations.**



**Megan Grove is from the Bay Area. She is graduating from Stanford in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Biology. She has been an RA at the Celiac Management Clinic at Stanford. As a summer intern for our program in 2009, Megan spent more than 120 hours assisting in the prenatal and cancer genetics clinics.**



**Emily Hurford is from the Bay Area. She is receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health Sciences from the University of CA Irvine in 2010. She has shadowed genetic counselors at Irvine, UCSF and CPMC. She also served as a Planned Parenthood intern, worked at the Blind Children's Learning Center and at a domestic violence shelter.**



**Bita Nehoray is from Southern California. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Integrative Biology in 2008 from UC Berkeley. She has worked as a hospital volunteer at UCLA, as a crisis hotline volunteer, and most recently, as a research associate for the UCLA Jonsson Cancer Center. Bita is fluent in Farsi.**



**Jessica Profato is from Ohio. She is receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular genetics and minor in psychology from Ohio State University in Columbus in 2010. During her undergraduate years, she worked as a GC Research Assistant for a cancer genetic counselor on several clinical research studies.**



**Nadine Rayes is from Southern California. She received her Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from UC Irvine in 2007 and since then has been working as a Clinical Research Coordinator in the UC Irvine Child Development Center. She is a first generation Lebanese American who hopes to share her understanding of cultural sensitivity with her classmates.**



**Layla Shahmirzadi is from the Bay Area. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychobiology from UC Davis in 2006 and her Master of Science in Biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University in 2009. She has worked as a DNA Technician at the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory, and for the past year has been working as a Genetic Counselor Assistant at the UCSF Cancer Risk Program.**