

Celebrating 10 years of our master's program

Letter from Francesca Mariani, MS program director



As I look back on the journey of our MS in Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine program, I can't help but feel incredibly proud and grateful. This year was a big one—we're celebrating a whole decade of our MS program! In that time, we've seen over 325 grads go out into the world contributing to health care, research, and education. Our alumni are making waves as doctors, researchers, teachers, and entrepreneurs, leaving their marks on society in their own special ways. It's wonderful to see how our trainees are carrying forward using the analytical training obtained while studying in our program.

Our 10th anniversary party was wonderful. Alumni from all different years came together, sharing stories, re-establishing connections, and making new ones. To keep up with your classmates and connect, please join [our private LinkedIn group](#), where we post news and job listings.

A huge congratulations to the Class of 2024! Commencement was a success, and we are proud that for the second year running, one of our students, Christian Chung, was awarded the honor of giving the commencement address. Also, this is a record year with 9 students (nearly 1/3 of the cohort) opting to take a deeper dive for a second year, and carry out a thesis project. I am looking forward to hearing about their discoveries!

As we set sail into the next phase of our program's journey, we would love to hear from all of you. Whether you've scored a big promotion, hit a personal milestone, or just want to catch up, please drop us a line at scrm@usc.edu. Your stories are what keep this community going strong and inspire the next generation of students. And, if you're ever in the neighborhood, please stop by and say hello!

Last but not least, a massive thank you to Jill and Andy McMahon for jump-starting the next 10 years of our program with their pledge to match \$10,000 in donations for our scholarship program. If you would like to be part of this effort, please join us [HERE](#).

Thanks for being a part of our journey. Here's to many more milestones and adventures ahead!

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USC doubles the number of scholarships for stem cell master's students



This year, ten students earned scholarships that enabled them to attend [USC's master's program in stem cell biology and regenerative medicine](#), one of the only programs of its kind in the United States. Compared to the previous year, this represents a doubling in the number of scholarships available for stem cell master's students at the [Keck School of Medicine of USC](#).

To support scholarships for future cohorts, please join us [HERE](#). Jill and Andy McMahon will make a matching gift for every dollar donated up to \$10,000.

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At the Keck School's 2024 Commencement Ceremony for the master's, doctoral, and nurse anesthesia programs, the word of the day was “gwenchana.”

“Today, I want to teach a lesson in Korean language,” said Christian Chung, a graduate of the [MS in stem cell biology and regenerative medicine program](#), who gave a speech at the ceremony.



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