### The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Masters in Genetic Counseling Class of 2023



Cecilia
Georgia
BS in Public Health from American University

I chose ISMMS because I was really interested in the variety of rotations and getting to work with the diverse patient population in New York City

Before starting graduate school, I worked at the Lymphoma Research Foundation for a few years while I geared up for grad school.

Will
Wisconsin
BS in Genetics from University of Wisconsin-Madison

I chose ISMSS because I wanted a strong program with a diverse array of specialties and a diverse patient population.

I got into genetic counseling because I've always been interested in genetic research and wanted to make sure our current genetic knowledge actually helps benefit regular people. I've played soccer my entire life and also love playing pickup volleyball and frisbee. I love being outdoors and enjoy hiking and visiting state parks. I've been really enjoying exploring New York as much as I can in between doing work.





Sagan
Oregon
BS in Microbiology & Immunology from McGill University

I chose ISMMS because I was interested in the variety of clinical rotations offered and the opportunity to analyze our own genomes.

#### **Annika**

California
BS in Human Biology and Society from the University of California,
Los Angeles

I chose ISMSS because I knew I wanted to train in a large, multicultural, urban area, much like the community I grew up in in the San Francisco Bay Area. I also knew I wanted access to several rotation options (such as the Laboratory and Cardiovascular genetics rotations), which has given me insight into the ways genetic counseling can be incorporated into a variety of specialty settings. Additionally, sequencing and interpreting our own genomes has been an exciting perk too. I was also excited about the idea of living in the city. It's been a dream to live in a walkable city with amazing public transportation and something for everybody!



While my education has always been an important part of my life, I'm always balancing this with the importance of my personhood outside of my "studenthood." When I'm not studying or prepping for clinical cases, I can be found engaged in a myriad of activities—journaling, reading, checking out bookstores and cafes and museums, watching Gossip Girl with my roommate, bothering my sisters over Facetime, walking around Central Park, digging my toes into the grass when the weather's warm, and getting giddy over snowfall when the weather's cold. I also like to engage in casual artistic endeavors, including ink drawing, crocheting, and amateur guitar-playing. Since arriving here, I have also unexpectedly become a fervent plant mom, thanks to my own mother eagerly sending me home with several plant cuttings and seed packets every time I've flown back into the city.



Taylor
Texas
BS in Biology and a BA in Chemistry from Texas Christian
University

I chose ISMSS for numerous reasons, one being that I appreciated how the program takes an interdisciplinary approach with its curriculum. Some of the medical school classes we take have been my favorite!

I am a proud owner/mother to the cutest cat known to man and.Prior to starting graduate school, I worked as a 9th-grade biology teacher in Memphis, TN.

Navpreet

New York BS in Biochemistry with a minor in Forensic Health from SUNY Binghamton

I chose ISMMS because I wanted to train somewhere that provides great, multidisciplinary care to patients. I also wanted to train where I hope to practice, in New York, and ISMMS is an integral part of New York City's healthcare system.





Savannah
New York
BS Biochemistry from Elon University

I chose ISMMS because of its location and the opportunities that I knew that I would get. We get to work with so many wonderful and experienced providers and one of the most diverse patient populations in the world all because we are at ISMMS.

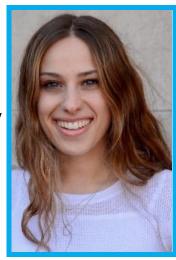
I love the outdoors, specifically hiking and camping. I have spent many summers leading backpacking trips all over the US. Within the past year I have started running and I enjoy exploring different parts of the city that way.

# IZZY New York BS in Environmental Earth Sciences from Washington University in St. Louis

I chose Mount Sinai because of their specialty and subspecialty clinics. From the start I had a hunch that I'd be interested in sub-specializing in a clinical setting, and so far I think I'm right!

My research and clinical interests lie mainly with heritable connective tissue and metabolic disorders. I hope to pursue one of these following graduation. In my free time, catch me snuggling my cats, scrolling through my friends' genomes, and

making abstract paintings (because I'm not talented enough to make other kinds).



#### Clare

South Carolina
BS in Biology and a minor in Psychology from the University of South Carolina

I chose ISMSS because of the wide array of specialties you get to see in rotations, the reputation of Mount Sinai as a top tier medical system, and the connection I felt with faculty during interviews.

I'm a huge Gamecocks fan! In my free time I enjoy watching and playing sports (especially basketball and/or anything the

Gamecocks are playing), exploring the city with my classmates, and spending time with family. I'm also a huge Swiftie and you can find me jamming out to Taylor Swift almost 24/7.

## Sarah Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh

I chose ISMSS because of the opportunity for interdisciplinary education as well as the many specialty clinic rotations available.





Donā

New York
BS in Cell & Molecular Biology from John Jay College of Criminal
Justice

I chose ISMMS because I wanted to be a part of a program that would provide me with the skills needed to give back to our community in NYC.

I danced for over 15 years and grew up immersed in the arts. I have an associate's degree in Forensic Science. I enjoy cooking and attempt to make one new dish a week.

#### Heather

New Jersey BS in Biology and Minor in Psychology from Bucknell University

I chose ISMMS because of the variety of rotations offered and the opportunity to work with the diverse population in New York City.

I knew that I wanted to pursue genetic counseling when I learned about it in my genetics course at Bucknell, and came straight to grad school after undergrad. I grew up as a competitive dancer and love tap dancing. In my free time I generally like to read, listen to music, and spend time in Central Park.

