

# GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

*Peace & Prosperity Through Education*

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## WHAT'S NEW AT THE GALLAGHER FOUNDATION?

### We have Scholars in Mexico, South Africa and Turkey

**162 Total Scholars**

**95 Graduated Scholars**

Congratulations to our recent ITESM Graduates:

Anakarmen Anhele Benavides, Alejandra Lavín Díaz de León, Carlos Omar Ibarra López and Tania Lizeth López Silva

Congratulations to our recent UCT Graduate:

Landela Mviko

**67 Current Scholars** - 34 Female & 33 Male

## MEET A CURRENT SCHOLAR

### Theresa (Terry) Muhumuza Mwesigwa

Terry is studying Medicine at the University of Cape Town. Selected as a Gallagher Scholar in 2011, academically she is doing phenomenally. She feels the best thing about school has been the independence she has gained and the growth she has undergone. Currently, she is doing her Neurology/Neurosurgery rotation. Her favorite rotations, thus far, were Neonatology and Pediatrics.

For the longest time, she believed that she could never go into clinical medicine and was destined to go into public health, planning/health economics or health management. During her Pediatrics rotation she fell in love with clinical medicine. Now she's trying to find a way in which she can merge these two passions. She thinks that some day working for UNICEF may just be the answer.

Terry has learned that the key to overcoming any challenge is to keep moving forward, no matter how impossible that may seem. Terry believes strongly in the idea that no one should wait until they are richer, older, smarter or more qualified to change the world. This year she has been volunteering for the SHAWCO Peds clinic which provides medical care to children in under-resourced areas around Cape Town. Terry has also been taking a not-for-credit course at the University called Global Citizenship which aims to produce students who are more informed about the world and inspired to change it through weekly seminars on relevant world issues such as Education, Wealth & Inequality.

After graduation and during her internship, she will pursue a BA degree in Economics and Law or a Masters in Public Health. Eventually she would like to get her MBA and possibly specialize even further to become a neonatologist.

South Africa is faced with many issues and challenges and her only dream is that we, as its citizens, do everything in our power to make it better. That each of us can contribute in whatever way we can to improve the country for everyone who lives in it. She would like to see less skilled people leaving and more qualified people working in the public sector.

Being a Gallagher Scholar means being afforded the opportunity to live her dream and, therefore, having the responsibility to help others reach theirs.



## MEET A GRADUATED SCHOLAR

### Yendi Wehbe Yahchouchi

Yendi graduated from ITESM in December of 2009 and is currently working as an Associate Consultant at The Boston Consulting Group (BCG.) Throughout her time at the firm, she has developed projects in numerous industries and across major enterprises in Mexico and in the world. After graduating, she joined British American Tobacco followed by BCG and the exhilarating Hillary Clinton Foundation called Vital Voices, an organization aiming to empower women in the corporate world. Yendi was recently accepted into Harvard Business School for the fall of 2015 where she will obtain her MBA. She also started learning Italian, but is not thrilled about her progress.

Since graduation, she's learned that working hard is important, but working smart makes the difference.

For Mexico, she intends to stay in the private sector in hopes of putting her skills to the service of creating better and more internationally competitive companies...whilst empowering women to join her in her journey!

Yendi's advice for the current Scholars is, "To develop a dual mindset that contemplates enjoying the "now" and planning for the "later." The former allows the creation of joyous and enriching moments, while the latter sets you up to take assertive decisions and actions towards self-fulfillment.

Being a Gallagher Scholar has been both a door-opener, as well as a new assumed responsibility. It has paved the way towards greater opportunities that at first seemed out of my reach, and for which I am wholeheartedly grateful to the Gallagher family and everyone involved in such a humane cause. However, it has also made me aware of the enormous responsibility that the educated population holds to create a more just and inclusive society."





## FOUNDER'S CORNER

Dear Gallagher Scholars,

St. Patrick's Day (March 17<sup>th</sup>) is a special day for our family as it marks our Dad's birthday. This year is bittersweet as he remains in our thoughts and prayers and we continue to mark a series of "first" milestones over the year with his absence.

Dad was incredibly proud of all of you and took a personal interest in your dreams, hard work, challenges and successes. With his passing our family quickly realized that each of you now represents his legacy. Our commitment to the Gallagher Foundation remains steadfast and Megan has done an incredible job to make sure each of the programs in Mexico, South Africa and Turkey remains strong. We continue to focus on identifying talented young people who have the ability to improve their home countries.

Dad lived his life with passion and conviction. He loved meeting new people, learning from other cultures and trying to figure out how to make things better. He conducted himself with a strong sense of humility and a belief that everyone has something to contribute. He used his own gifts and abilities to help others pursue their dreams without any desire for recognition or repayment.

Over the years many of you have shared stories, emails, videos and even personal visits to share your personal experiences. Dad loved these messages and they reinforced his belief that each of you was finding a way to make a positive contribution in whatever way you could. Our entire family is rightfully proud of the paths you are pursuing, the challenges you are overcoming and the impact you are having.

As we all adjust to a world with Dad's absence, we take comfort knowing that the seeds of his legacy are firmly planted in the Gallagher Foundation. It is exciting to think about where the Scholar Community will be in 20 years from now and the impact you all will have both personally and professionally.

To this end, our family would like to invite each of you to play an active role in helping make the Gallagher Foundation a vibrant and sustainable community of scholars and alumni. There are many ways to contribute – it may include participating in scholar activities, helping your peers adjust to life in university or mentoring new graduates as they transition to careers and professional life.

Ultimately, we hope and intend to build a network of active alumni in Mexico, South Africa and Turkey that can help us to identify, interview and select the next generation of scholars. Establishing this community of engaged scholars and alumni will be the most fitting tribute to Dad's legacy.

The mission of the Gallagher Foundation remains to "promote peace and prosperity through education." We look forward to sharing this journey with each of you in the years ahead.

Dad would be very proud to see where we can take his dream together.

Sincerely,  
Ellen, Megan, J.P. and Ann



Jerry & J.P.

### Other News to Note:

#### *Congratulations To:*

**Wayne Moodaley** (2002) who was accepted to Oxford for his MBA. Good luck to him and his wife on their move.

**Yendi Wehbe Yachouchi** (2005) who was accepted to Harvard Business School to obtain her MBA.

**Fernanda Hernández** (2014) who participated in a national symposium on literature presenting an essay she wrote.

**Erika Morales Paez** (2007) and husband, Oscar, welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Erika, into the world on November 28, 2014.

#### *Our Thoughts and Prayers To:*

**Daniel and Mary Tablada** as Daniel recovers from two surgeries.



Erika and Daughter, Erika



Daniel & Mary Tablada



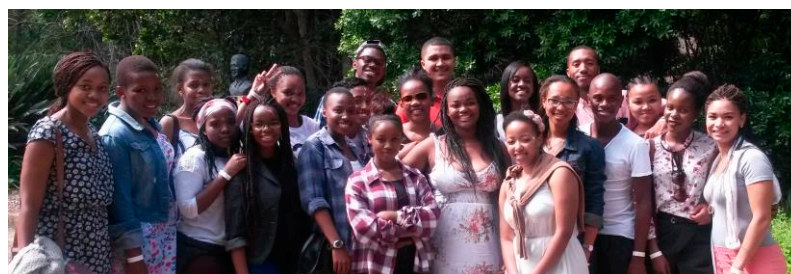
Recent Mexican Scholar Graduates at their Graduation Dinner



Landela Receiving her Graduation Plaque from Dave Schroenn



Mexican Scholars at Graduation Dinner



South African Scholars at Moyo's