



GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE GALLAGHER FOUNDATION?

We have scholars in Mexico, South Africa and Turkey

110 Total Scholars

50 Graduated Scholars

Congratulations to our newest Graduates:

*Maria Fernanda Tello Arevalo, Orlando Valencia Baltazar, Emma Alejandra Carlo Guerrero, & Francisco Cervantes Mayorga graduated from ITESM in May.

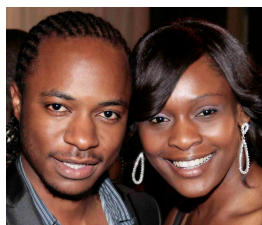
*Savas Volkan Renk, Pelin Pinar, & Havva Basak Bayazit graduated from Bogazici in June

60 Current Scholars

30 Female & 30 Male

Other News:

* **Lethabo Machaba is getting married:** Lethabo was one of the first five Gallagher scholars. She was selected in 2002 when the program first began in South Africa. She received her degree from UCT in Medicine where she and her fiancé, Summer Simelane, met. Lethabo is currently practicing at a Military Hospital in Pretoria. Congratulations to Summer and Lethabo!



* **Edzani Mphaphuli had a baby!** On July 13, 2011 Edzani and Prince Darsi Boungou-Poati welcomed their son, Vangsi Boungou-Poati, into the world. Edzani was selected in 2003 as a Gallagher Scholar in South Africa. She is currently a doctor at Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital in Soweto, Johannesburg. Congratulations to Edzani and Prince Darsi!

* The book that **Zipho Sikhakhane's contributed to has been published.** The title is [Sushi & Tapas](#). It is a collection of interesting life experiences from 25 young women from all over the world.

MEET A CURRENT SCHOLAR

Kubra Gegin

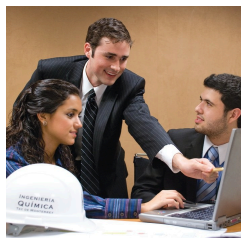
Kubra is a very impressive scholar. She is studying Management at Bogazici University in Istanbul. Kubra is from Sultangazi, a district of Istanbul. She lives at home with her family and it takes her nearly two hours one way to commute each day to school. In high school she ranked in the top .1 of 1% on the national OSYS exam given to all high school seniors and she was President of the Democracy club. Currently, not only is she an excellent student, she is very involved in her community. On weekends, when she is not studying, she spends time with friends, visits art galleries or volunteers for an organization called Dream Academy which provides services for people with disabilities. She has brought awareness of the importance to others her age of giving back. After Kubra graduates, she would like to get her MBA.



MEET A GRADUATED SCHOLAR

Hernan Cantu

Hernan graduated from ITESM in 2009 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Since graduating, he has worked for Hunt Oil Company as an Engineer. He is working with their Energy Efficiency program which is focused on reducing energy consumption. Hernan feels that Mexico has to greatly improve its role in global warming and increase the amount of clean energy being used. When asked what being a Gallagher Scholar has meant to him, he said, "it means having a responsibility of working honestly and giving 100% every day. I feel that we can accomplish significant changes in our society, starting by providing an example to others. . . we are living in very hard sad times right now and the only way that things will change is by working with and inspiring others to live by this same philosophy. "



FOUNDERS' CORNER

The success of our Foundation depends on the help we receive from members of the Scholar Community. Two of our most important members are featured in this column.



Dave and Carol Schroenn are the heart of the Gallagher Foundation's Scholar Community in South Africa. They have been conducting candidate interviews and scholar meetings there since 2004. Thanks to their efforts, we have selected an outstanding group of young people. Dave has an MBA from UCT, so his involvement is a natural extension of the positive feelings that he developed as a student.

In addition to his MBA, Dave has a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Natal. The last 24 years of his business career were spent with Morganite SA, which is a subsidiary of Morgan Crucible. At the time of his retirement, he was the Managing Director.

Dave was one of the Founding Trustees of Penryn College which in a 20 year period has grown from 10 students to over 1,000 with an outstanding academic achievement record in an economically disadvantaged area.

It is fun to be with Dave and Carol for a number of reasons, including the fact they have such a wonderful relationship. They were married in 1967 and have three sons (Mark 42, Neil 40 and Anthony 37.) Very involved in outdoor activities, one or both of them enjoy skiing, squash, field hockey, gardening, fly-fishing and hiking. Their love of travel has resulted in visits to many parts of the world.

Ellen and I are deeply grateful to Carol and Dave. They can be reached at dave@schroenn.co.za.

Jerry Gallagher



UPDATE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

In South Africa our Scholars attend the University of Cape Town. There are 25 current Scholars and 25 graduated Scholars. We are very pleased with the five new Scholars that were selected in August by Dave Schroenn, John Simpson and Monique Adams. They selected four young women and one young man. They are: Zamile Pearl Mnisi, Nonhlanhla Gabisile Kgwedi, Naadiya Waggiet, Siphosethu Mafaya and Kevin Mashishi. Two of them plan to study medicine, and the other three are going into management and business.

In addition, Ntoetse Lerotholi, was selected for a scholarship in memory of Mary Fangman, a very close friend of ours. Ntoetse has done very well in her first year of study. Mike and Carol Moore led the selection process which was focused, at Mary's request, on a female studying medicine in South Africa. Mary was a kind and loving person, very caring of her family, friends and strangers, as well as nature. She especially enjoyed the company of young people. Her training and career were as a Neuro-Psychologist. Both her husband, John, and her son, John, are physicians. Her daughter, Sarah, is a marine biologist. The scholarship is being funded by Dr. Fangman, the Moore's and three other couples.



Mary Fangman & Ntoetse Lerotholi

UPDATE FROM MEXICO

In Mexico our scholars attend ITESM. Mexico now has 24 current Scholars and 13 graduated Scholars. In May, Jerry visited Mexico for the first time in four years. He conducted interviews with Brenda Jiminez and, together, they selected five excellent Scholars, two young men and three young women. They are: Laura Isabel Tobías Segovia, Cinthya Lidia Cadenas Medina, José Héctor Ramírez Suarez, Angélica Vásquez Noguera and Adriana Ivonne Castro Reyes. Their academic majors are: biotechnology, business and technology engineering, chemical engineering, economics and marketing. The Scholar dinner with the current Scholars and some of the graduates was a delightful experience for Jerry as were the Scholar meetings and the Foundation dinner.

Violence continues to plague Mexico in general and Monterrey in particular. Jerry was pleased to hear about the security measures that ITESM has implemented to keep their students safe. Our Scholars commitment to their country, despite the risks they face, are most impressive.



The Mexican Gallagher Scholars at a gathering last spring

UPDATE FROM TURKEY

In Turkey, our Scholars attend Bogazici University in Istanbul. Turkey now has 11 current Scholars and 12 graduated Scholars. This fall, Megan, Jerry and John Fangman will travel to Istanbul to select the newest Scholars and to meet with the current Scholars. At Bogazici, all the courses are taught in English, but many of the students coming from public schools have had little or no exposure to English before arriving at school. Therefore, their first year is called English prep year. All year they study reading, writing and listening to English. At the end of the year they take an exam before beginning their studies at the University. This exam is very difficult and it is hard to know which students will pass. In recent years, we have selected Scholars during their English prep year. However this fall we will only select Scholars who have already passed the English exam due to disappointing failing test results.



Some of the Turkish Gallagher Scholars at the May graduation dinner