



GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

We have Scholars in Mexico, South Africa and Turkey

143 Total Scholars

74 Graduated Scholars

Congratulations to our May/June graduates:

Manuel Pichardo Rojas, Monserrat Bahena Hernandez, Savaş Topçu & Gülşah Mağara

69 Current Scholars

35 Female

34 Male

MEET A CURRENT SCHOLAR

Cinthia Liliana Hernández Macías

Liliana is in her final semester at ITESM in Monterrey. She is majoring in International Relations. Liliana is a very talented, personable and dedicated Scholar. She has been on the Merit List in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013 and has been honored with many awards.



When she is not studying, she likes to spend time with her friends, exercise and do yoga. This semester she is also doing an internship in the trade and investment section at the British Consulate in Monterrey. Liliana is doing a research project on Hydro-diplomacy in Latin America. After graduation, she would like to work for the Foreign Services in Mexico. Being a Gallagher Scholar has given her the opportunity to achieve her dreams, which include becoming a change agent in Mexico.

MEET A GRADUATED SCHOLAR

Simay Sen

Simay was selected as a Gallagher Scholar in 2005. It was the first year for the program in Turkey. At that time the Foundation had Scholars at both Sabanci and Bogazici. Simay graduated in 2008 from Sabanci with a degree in Engineering. Today she is an industrial engineer at Compass Group and is a project leader in the food industry. She also co-founded an e-marketing website, Knitt Witt.



Since graduating, she has worked to strike a balance in all aspects of her life. Her main passion in life is music. She created a social networking site for musicians all around the world, so they can globally spread their talent. Simay also voluntarily teaches for the Supporting Modern Life Foundation. All of these experiences have allowed her to get to know many people from different backgrounds which inspires her. She has learned to set her imagination free. She believes, like the Gallagher Foundation, that changing one individual's life may contribute to the world in many ways.

Her advice for current Scholars is to create their vision, follow their instincts and never let the limits of what has been done in the past or other people's beliefs, shape their decisions.



Carol and Mike Moore

FOUNDERS CORNER

It is with a heavy heart that Ellen and I report our close friend and Foundation supporter, Mike Moore, died on October 26th as a result of a brain tumor. In 1998, at the invitation of Mike and his dear wife, Carol, we made our first visit to South Africa. During that trip our plan for a scholarship program began to take shape. Once Ellen and I had decided what we wanted to create, Mike played a pivotal role in supporting our efforts. He graciously hosted our initial candidate interviews in his Johannesburg office. The key leadership that has blessed our work for many years was established when Mike provided an introduction to Dave and Carol Schroenn. Through another Moore contact we were able to find the Career Wise organization which led to our highly productive, long-standing partnership with Monique Adams and Margaret Bennetts. Mike and Carol also funded the cost for two of our Scholars: Wayne Moodaley and Cele Mpumelelo and contributed to the scholarship for Ntoetse Lerotholi, which was established in memory of Mary Fangman. In addition to helping conduct the interviews three times in South Africa, the Moore's also interviewed once in Turkey. Ellen and I are deeply grateful to Mike and Carol and will miss Mike a great deal. Please remember Mike, Carol, their children and grandchildren in your prayers.

Ellen and I plan to visit Turkey later this month and Mexico in March of next year. We are looking forward to being with our current Scholars and graduated Scholars as well as interviewing talented candidates.

Jerry Gallagher



UPDATE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

In South Africa, our Scholars attend The University of Cape Town. South Africa now has 22 current Scholars and 36 graduated Scholars. In August, Dave Schroenn, Prof. John Simpson, Dr. Ryan Kruger, Monique Adams and Margaret Bennetts conducted the interviews. Four new Scholars were selected: Michelle Anderson (Medicine), Siphesihle Collette Magudulela (Commerce), Lerato Dinah Mahwayi (Chemical Engineering) and Zanele Mthuze (Commerce.) Ryan was a new addition to the interview team. Thank you all for your time in selecting this strong group of candidates.

In May, the South African Scholars attended a Giggling Gourmet cooking class. They had a great time and cooked a delicious meal. In August, the interview team hosted a Scholar dinner which included eleven graduated Scholars.



The South African Scholars at their Giggling Gourmet cooking class gathering.

UPDATE FROM TURKEY

In Turkey, our Scholars attend Bogazici University. Turkey now has 22 current Scholars and 15 graduated Scholars. Jerry and Ellen will travel to Istanbul with their daughter, Ann, and her husband, Brad, in November to conduct the interviews.

Last year the Scholars organized a library donation project where they purchased 150 books and sent the books to a school in need. It was a fantastic project. At the end of the school year a graduation dinner was held where Gülşah Mağara and Savaş Topçu received their plaques.

The Turkish Scholars recently started their academic school year. Their first gathering will be in November at the Scholar dinner with Ellen and Jerry.



The Turkish Scholars packing books for the service project book drive they organized.

UPDATE FROM MEXICO

In Mexico, our Scholars attend ITESM in Monterrey. Mexico now has 25 current Scholars and 23 graduated Scholars. In April, due to health reasons, Jerry had to cancel his interview trip at the last minute. Thank you to Brenda Jiminez for all her hard work rescheduling the interviews by teleconference. Jerry and Megan conducted the interviews and selected five new Scholars: José Kermith Morales Moguel (Engineering), David Trejo García (Physics), Arlen Fernanda Salazar Benavides (Law with a minor in finance), Ioanis Pablos Constantinou Castillo (Engineering), Luis Fernando Casillas Salcedo (International Relations.)

The Scholar dinner in April was a success. It included a number of graduated Scholars despite Jerry's trip cancellation. Next spring, Jerry and Ellen look forward to seeing everyone.



It's not hard to spot Mexican graduate Gabriela in her graduating class!