



# 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**

**158 Total Scholars**

**89 Graduated Scholars**

Congratulations to our recent June Graduates:

Miguel Israel Chávez Santoscoy from ITESM.

Cansu Yilmaz, Mert Sarihan, Emre Murat Mengüç, Fatma Oral, Kübra Gegin and

Özge Küçükkelmas from Bogazici.

**69 Current Scholars**

37 Female & 32 Male

## MEET A CURRENT SCHOLAR

### Burak Sen

Burak is a very impressive scholar and is studying Mechanical Engineering at Bogazici in Istanbul. He was selected as a scholar in 2012 and is planning to graduate in 2015. He feels that Bogazici is the best place to learn competitiveness and entrepreneurship. He really likes the atmosphere at the University. He finds the ability to think for yourself and finding a different way to solve a problem the most difficult, but important challenges. When he is not in school, he is doing internships to better prepare himself for his career. He also enjoys spending time with friends and staying fit and healthy.



The most important lesson he has learned is not to be shy. He says "If you want something, go for it, keep trying, be creative, find a way and get it." After graduation he would like to become an investment banker or work for a management consulting firm. His hope and dream is for peace for Turkey and its neighboring countries. He hopes that all terrorism will end soon and Turkey will then be able to direct its attention to economic, social, educational and governmental developments. His dream is to see Turkey as a developed and peaceful country. Being a Gallagher Scholar is what he is most proud of in his life. If he has the opportunity to help people in the future, he won't hesitate to do it.

## MEET A GRADUATED SCHOLAR

### Luis Camacho

Luis graduated from ITESM in 2009 with a degree in International Trade. Luis is currently living in Mexico City and working for Mattel. Since graduating, he worked for Proctor and Gamble for four years. He left Proctor and Gamble to study further and get a diploma in Digital Marketing.

He says the most important lesson he has learned is that education truly opens up doors for you and that opportunities only present themselves one time. He knows this because he comes from a state with the lowest education levels in the country. To make a difference he is fully committed to find a way to create equal opportunities for people in his state through the government or local foundations.

His advice to all current Scholars is to "BELIEVE IN YOURSELF, because you have made it this far, embrace this blessing with humility." He said the Gallagher Foundation changed his life, it has changed the way he sees things. This opportunity has meant the world to him and he is grateful to be a part of this big family. He says, "Go out and change the world; because we can."



## FOUNDER'S CORNER



*March 17, 1941 - July 17, 2014*

*"What is most important is that I can look myself in the mirror and know that I tried to do the right thing."*

The sudden loss of our Foundation Founder and my dear husband has been felt around the world. It is remarkable how one individual touched so many lives.

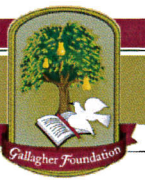
Jerry loved to build things: families, careers and companies. He was an extraordinary man beloved by family, friends and investors around the world; a mentor to countless CEO's and executives; a passionate philanthropist through the Gallagher Foundation, promoting peace and prosperity through education.

He was one of the best retail and restaurant venture capitalists of all time.

Jerry leaves us all with an enormous emptiness and he will be truly missed.

Warm regards,

Ellen Gallagher



## UPDATE FROM MEXICO

In Mexico, our Scholars attend ITESM. Mexico now has 25 current Scholars and 28 graduated Scholars. This fall, five new Scholars began at ITESM. They are: María Fernanda Hernández Paredes, Valeria Gómez Rodríguez, Erick Manuel González Coronel, Iram Díaz Reyes and Eduardo Gómez Benavides .

The Mexican Scholars hold a number of gatherings throughout the school year. Most recently for Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead) in which they created a memorial altar on campus honoring Jerry Gallagher. A huge amount of time and planning went into the altar. Each Scholar brought one item to contribute. Items included Jerry's favorite foods, books, saints, a set of golf clubs and hiking boots. The Gallagher family was greatly touched by the thought and care that went into creating this beautiful altar in his honor.



*The Mexican Scholars made an altar to honor Jerry for Día de Muertos*

## UPDATE FROM TURKEY

In Turkey, our Scholars attend Bogazici University in Istanbul. Turkey now has 21 current Scholars and 21 graduated Scholars. We are pleased that in November, Yilmaz Yildiz and Kobe Ertugrul will conduct the interviews to select the 2014 Scholars.

Umut Unal, a current Scholar in Turkey, described the graduation luncheon, "When our friends got their plaque written their name on, they, understandably, couldn't help being emotional. Neither could the rest of us. I imagined myself there, saying good bye to everyone as an (almost) graduate. And I am sure everybody did the same at that moment. You could see it just by looking at their eyes. Graduation is the most special moment a person can experience during his/her school life. The meaning of sharing such a special moment with your friends is beyond words. It was invaluable."



*The Turkish Scholars at the May 2014 Graduation lunch*

## UPDATE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

In South Africa, our Scholars attend the University of Cape Town. South Africa now has 23 current Scholars and 40 graduated Scholars. In October, Ellen and Megan traveled to Cape Town to participate in current Scholar meetings and candidate interviews. Thank you again to Dave Schroenn, Professor Kruger and Professor Simpson for conducting the interviews and Scholar meetings. We selected four young women and one young man. They are: Ayanda Nyathi, Pheladi Alice Letsoalo, Nathina Sandisiwe Pakade Mongatane Prudence Shaku and Esethu Anande Mbulawa.

In July, the South African Scholars volunteered at a local township High School. They spent the day tutoring the students. Afterwards they had lunch with the students and made a presentation on how to apply to universities such as UCT. Last month during Ellen and Megan's interview trip, nearly 30 graduated Scholars attended the Scholar dinner. It was an amazing evening, and one Jerry would have loved to attend.



*The South African Scholars at the October 2014 Scholar Dinner*

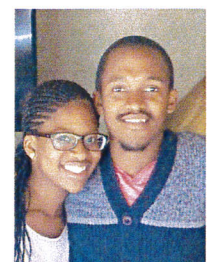
## OTHER NEWS TO NOTE

**Sinovuyo Mambi** (2008) has a new job with Edge Growth. Edge Growth is working to combat socio-economic issues in South Africa. He is also newly engaged to Sinenhlanhla Allie. Congratulations Sinovuyo & Sinenhlanhla!!

Congratulations to **Diana Flores** (2004) and Luis Gameros who had a baby girl, Elisa Gameros Flores, on Oct 24, 2014.

**Erika Morales Páez** (2007) and her husband, Oscar, are expecting their first baby later this month. Best of luck to you!

Gallagher Foundation is on **LinkedIn**. A private group has been set up called Gallagher Foundation. Scholars, if you have not already joined, please do.



*Sinovuyo and Sinenhlanhla*