



GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

We have Scholars in Mexico, South Africa and Turkey

106 Total Scholars

43 Graduated Scholars

Afia Boachie-Yiadom, Fabrice Muhizi, Warren Chetty and Dulan Simons graduated in December from UCT in South Africa

Gibran Castañeda Balderrama graduated in December from ITESM in Mexico

63 Current Scholars

36 male

27 female

MEET A CURRENT SCHOLAR

Francisco Cervantes Mayorga

Francisco is exceptional. He is finishing his final semester at ITESM Monterrey with a 96% average in Mechatronics. Francisco is described as the perfect example of perseverance and commitment, while being very socially responsible. During his first year of school, he was in an automobile accident in which he was badly injured and had to have a number of surgeries. He withdrew from school for a semester. When he returned, he worked hard both academically and physically to catch up to his peers. He is very active in all aspects of University life. He is a humble leader who is soft spoken, kind and has taken an interest in helping the younger Gallagher Scholars. At the gatherings he goes out of his way to check in with them, give them advice or just socialize. Good luck Francisco! We look forward to staying in touch.



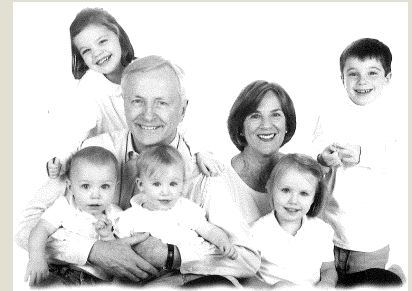
MEET A GRADUATED SCHOLAR

Ziphezinhle (Zipho) Phindile Sikhakhane

Zipho graduated from UCT in 2008 with a Bachelor in Business Science. She has been working as a Business Analyst at McKinsey in Johannesburg. Zipho has had a great start to her career at McKinsey. She says "I have learned that my passion for changing the world is something that I can incorporate into my daily working life." She has done this by serving clients who are focused on improving the lives of millions of customers and employees. Her client list has included: advising the mining sector on how to improve performance, advising a South African Ministry on improving the organization, helping the South African Revenue Service improve tax collection, and helping a government in Nigeria avoid bankruptcy. Zipho has been selected to co-author a book with a CEO on "Learnings from the Top CEOs in Africa". She is truly a remarkable young woman and we look forward to following her career.



FOUNDER'S CORNER



It is exciting for us to be publishing our first Newsletter.

Ellen and I think that a cohesive and effective Scholar Community in each country is an important part of the Gallagher Foundation. To us this means that the members join together to help each other and to help their country. It combines elements of a group of friends, an extended family and a professional network.

At the heart of a Scholar Community are the Scholars, both current and graduated. It is natural for the Scholars to support each other for a number of reasons. First, is that they all possess intelligence, high ethical standards, leadership potential and a great education. Another is that they have a desire and commitment to help their respective countries. Finally, is the fact that Ellen and I ask them to form and maintain these Scholar Communities.

A few times each academic year, the current Scholars in each of these countries come together for Scholar gatherings which have community building and social purposes. These gatherings are sponsored by the Foundation and organized by each country Director. When we started ten years ago, we viewed participation as voluntary. Because we have seen the important role a strong Scholar Community plays in the Scholars' success, we now require Scholars to attend. Fortunately, the vast majority of Scholars enjoy and look forward to these events. The events vary by country, but whenever we visit a country to conduct interviews, a Scholar dinner is one of these events. In the last few years, the graduated Scholars have also been invited to the Scholar dinner. This has added a wonderful new dimension.

We are grateful for the wonderful job that our daughter, Megan Prindiville, does in managing the Foundation.

Jerry Gallagher



Update from Mexico

We are pleased that our Mexican Scholars attend ITESM, which the Foundation considers to be the best university in the country. Mexico now has 24 current Scholars and 9 graduated Scholars. In addition to having a wonderful Scholar Community spirit, our Scholars and our director, Brenda Jiminez, have shown considerable courage in the face of adversity. Among those killed by drug related violence were two ITESM students who were shot near the front entrance to their Monterrey campus. For the last two years, the Foundation has completed candidate interviews by video conference and Scholar meetings by telephone. Jerry is looking forward to visiting this spring, meeting with the Scholars and interviewing the candidates.



*Mexican Gallagher Scholars
at the Fall Halloween Party*

Update From South Africa

The newly democratic South Africa was the country selected by The Foundation for their inaugural Scholarship program in 2001 and the start of the 2011 academic year saw the 11th group of new Gallagher Scholars commencing their academic studies at the University of Cape Town, which the Foundation considers to be the best university in the country. South Africa now has 21 current Scholars and 25 graduated Scholars. A highlight of the year was the reunion of most of the graduates at the annual Scholar dinner held during Jerry's visit to South Africa in August 2010. Carol and



*Jerry with South African Graduated Scholars at
the August Scholar Dinner*

Dave Schroenn were joined by Jerry and his nephew, David Gallagher, and David's wife, Gazelle, during the candidate interviews, Scholar meetings and the Scholar dinner. Once again, the candidates presented by Monique Adams and Margaret Bennetts of Career Wise were impressive. The graduates have all secured meaningful professional employment in their various disciplines and the first few are beginning to make their marks on their organizations and society.

Update from Turkey

Our newest program is in Turkey, where all of our current Scholars attend Bogazici University, which the Foundation considers to be the best university in the country. Turkey now has 18 current Scholars and 9 graduated Scholars. It is exciting to see how much stronger the Turkish economy has become since we started our program in 2005. Last fall, Yilmaz Yildiz did an excellent job selecting our 2010 scholar group. They were chosen at the start of their English prep year, during which they learn to read and write English. All of their subsequent course work is taught in English. Under the guidance of our Turkish Director, Elvan Zihnioglu, this Scholar Community is getting stronger.



*Turkish Gallagher Scholars during their most
recent gathering*