



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

148 Total Scholars

81 Graduated Scholars

Congratulations to our recent December Graduates:

*Erick Ricardo Espinosa Gómez, Jesús Jaime Leal Chapa, Aldo Favio Villanueva Betancourt, & Cinthia Liliana Hernández Macías from ITESM.

*Gökhan Sevkin graduated from Bogazici.

*Nonjabulo Mncwabe, Zwelihle Brian Mfundisi, Ndumiso Zulu & Thabang Clive Letheo graduated from UCT.

67 Current Scholars

36 Female & 31 Male

Other News to Note:

Aldo Villanueva graduated in December at ITESM and now works for AutoZone Inc. as a Merchandising Analyst. Congratulations Aldo!

Wayne Moodaley, one of the first 2002 South African Scholars selected was married recently. Congratulations Wayne!

MEET A CURRENT SCHOLAR

Cinthya Cadenas

Cinthya is a very talented and impressive scholar. She is studying Biotechnology Engineering at ITESM in Monterrey. The thing she likes the most about school is the knowledge she gains from her professors. Her greatest challenge is balancing what is most important for her life and her future. When she is not studying, she is in the lab, doing service with the other Gallagher Scholars, kick boxing, reading or baking.



Cinthya and some classmates entered into a contest sponsored by MIT. They created a bacterial therapy to cure cancer. They genetically engineered bacteria that can identify and target tumor cancer and reduce them. They won first prize in the Latin American competition and placed 12th in the worldwide competition in Boston. They are continuing to work on their project by making modifications in order to make it better. Someday, she would like to own a molecular biology laboratory. Her hope and dream for Mexico is one day it will become an influential country in the biotechnology field with labs and facilities for scientists to develop their projects.

MEET A GRADUATED SCHOLAR

Lethabo Simelani (Machaba)

Lethabo graduated from UCT in 2008 with a degree in medicine. She was selected as a Gallagher Scholar in 2002 with the first group of Scholars. Lethabo is the first person in her family to be a medical doctor. She received many awards and recognition as a Scholar and a doctor, but her greatest award was marrying her husband, Summer Simelani.



Lethabo was appointed Pediatric Registrar Representative at Rahima Moosa hospital in Johannesburg. Touching and changing lives has become a lifestyle for her and she believes that the right leaders need to step up for this to occur on a larger scale. As a pediatrician, she has had many opportunities to brighten the lives of children, whether it's through a fuzzy warm teddy bear or providing better health care. In her free time, she likes to travel and play soccer with Summer. Their motto is love God and his people and use as many opportunities as we can to serve others. She feels certain basics are essential; love, hope, peace, kindness and faithfulness.

FOUNDERS' CORNER

The death of Nelson Mandela in December made me very sad. He is among the people that I admire the most. Very few leaders have



contributed as

much to their country. Although Ellen and I never met him, Mandela was an important part of the inspiration for starting our scholarship program in South Africa.

Going further back in time, another great leader who made a major contribution was Mustafa Atatürk. It is likely that Turkey would not be a liberal democracy today without his guidance between 1923 and 1938. On the other side of the coin are people like Adolph Hitler and Kim Jong-un, the current President of North Korea. A strong leader can make a massive difference for either good or evil.

Ellen, our daughter, Ann, and our son-in-law, Brad, went with me to Istanbul last November to interview candidates and meet with Scholars. It was an intense three days, but very satisfying. A highlight for us was the Scholar dinner where there was a lot of spirit and many stimulating conversations. We found the candidates to be impressive and selected six of them.

Next month, Ellen and I are planning to be in Monterrey for candidate interviews and Scholar meetings. This will be my first visit there in three years. We are very pleased that Daniel and Mary Tablada will also be participating. They were instrumental in building our program in Mexico. I hope that quite a few of our graduated Scholars will be able to attend the Scholar dinner.

Ellen and I also plan on being in South Africa in September for candidate interviews and Scholar meetings. Once again, Dave Schroenn will lead the interview team which includes Professors John Simpson and Ryan Kruger. We have been blessed in the past with very good graduated Scholar attendance at the Scholar dinner.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy and productive 2014.

Jerry Gallagher



UPDATE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

In South Africa, our Scholars attend The University of Cape Town. South Africa now has 18 current Scholars and 40 graduated Scholars. The South African group has had two gatherings since last October's newsletter.

Lukhanyiso, a current Scholar, said the graduate dinner took place after examinations (a happy time) and was fun. Seeing our friends be celebrated for graduating university was not only a proud moment for them, but made the idea of graduating seem more real. Hearing all that the graduating class had achieved in their time at UCT made us all believe that the experience of university doesn't end at the index of a textbook.

The annual Sunday lunch at Moyo introduced the new group of Scholars. There were a number of moments when the 'elders' imparted words of wisdom to the inexperienced first years and talk about politics would come up now and then. The mood was too jolly and light to think about the upcoming stresses of the term or what the elections might hold. It can be best described as the calm before the storm.



The South African Scholars at their luncheon at Moyo's gathering.

UPDATE FROM TURKEY

In Turkey, our Scholars attend Bogazici University. Turkey now has 28 current Scholars and 15 graduated Scholars.

Sila Basturk, a current Scholar, said Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher, their daughter, Ann Diemer, and son-in-law Brad Diemer, visited us on 22nd of November in Istanbul. They arranged a wonderful dinner for Turkish Scholars. We spent precious time together and had a chance to talk about many different topics. These conversations have motivated us to work hard in order to establish a better future, not only for us, but also for our country and whole humanity. I strongly believe that we do not need to have a blood tie to be a family. As Gallagher Scholars in Turkey, we are proud of being part of the Gallagher Family and we look forward for the next visit of Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher and their children.



The Turkish Scholars at the annual Scholar dinner.

As Gallagher Scholars in Turkey, we get together for a team building workshop every year. This year Gokalp Kobe Ertugrul and his partner, Ana, joined us at a ceramics workshop. The main theme of the workshop was "owl" which is the symbol of fine arts and wisdom. Every one of us created our owl and learned more about ceramics. We got to know each other more deeply and had fun together while we were improving our creativity and ability to think abstract. It was a wonderful experience.

UPDATE FROM MEXICO

In Mexico, our Scholars attend ITESM in Monterrey. Mexico now has 21 current Scholars and 26 graduated Scholars.

The Gallagher Scholars in Mexico most recently got together for tacos to catch up and reconnect. They also started a weekly service project in the school.

Alejandra Lavin, a current Scholar, describes it for us. The Gallagher Scholars from Mexico have been working with the youth, with the aim of preventing high school drop outs. The project called "Formando Gigantes" (Raising Giants) as a tribute to the initials of the Gallagher Foundation, is comprised of eight courses, one per week. The Gallagher Scholars talk to the students about careers, scholarships, ethics, the importance of education and other related topics.



Martin Tapia and David Trejo, two current Gallagher Scholars, are working with local high school students for their service project.

The project has been successful in the schools since September 2013. It has already provided more than 50 young boys and girls with important information. Currently, the project is working with more than 100 students and is looking to become an official social service event sponsored by ITESM so it can work with even more troubled schools.