



GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

Peace & Prosperity through education

Fall 2012

WHAT'S NEW AT THE GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

We have Scholars in Mexico, South Africa and Turkey

128 Total Scholars

60 Graduated Scholars

Congratulations to our June graduates:

Carlos Granados Contreras, Daniel Ceciliano Cacho, Miguel Rene Hinojosa Escapita, Erika Morales Paez, and Ana Cynthina Martinez Parroquin

68 Current Scholars

35 Female

33 Male

MEET A CURRENT SCHOLAR

Ömer Faruk Baysal

Ömer is a Gallagher Scholar at Bogazici University in Istanbul, Turkey. He is quite mature and determined. A double major in Political Science and International Relations and Economics, with a 3.94 GPA.

When not studying or at class, he likes to take advantage of the many cultural opportunities that Istanbul has to offer. Ömer feels that his University experience is helping to enlarge his view of life.

His dream is that all sections of Turkey will enjoy equal opportunity, peace and prosperity. He would like to help make this happen. We would not be surprised if Ömer eventually participates in national government at a high level.

Ömer feels that being a Gallagher Scholar is helping to make his dreams come true.



MEET A GRADUATED SCHOLAR

Palesa Mabatho Monyake

Palesa was selected as a Gallagher Scholar in 2003 and graduated from UCT in 2008 with a degree in Medicine. After graduating and completing her internship, she worked in impoverished communities, an HIV clinic and acquired her diploma in HIV medicine. She was awarded the Best Medical Intern during her internship year and Best Community Service Doctor during her community service year. Recently, she began as a Pediatric Registrar with the University of Pretoria.



Since graduating she has learned, "That hard work pays off. Be true to yourself and work with integrity. No matter what those around you are doing, persevere and always give it your all. You will reap the rewards." She feels, "South Africa needs a generation of young inspired ambitious leaders and I am a part of that generation. A generation unafraid to stand up for what's ethical and what is morally correct regardless of one's political stance. I am a leader in my own right and in my field. I stand up for my patients and I fight for their rights to be upheld. By studying further, I choose education . . . I choose wisdom. I choose to be the best pediatrician I can be. My hope is to leave a legacy amongst my patients and amongst my peers, to serve as best as I can and by so doing, improve their health in our communities in South Africa."

FOUNDERS CORNER



Our September visit to South Africa was a magical experience for Ellen and me. It was the first time in six years that her health allowed her to make the trip. A highlight was the Scholar dinner where in addition to our current Scholars, we were honored to have 19 of our graduated Scholars attend. This clearly demonstrates that the South African Scholar Community is alive and well. Please refer to the South African section of this newsletter for more information.

We just completed a Presidential election here in the United States. The final result was clear, but close. There were a significant number of undecided voters before the four televised debates. I consider this a healthy sign. Democracy works best when people are open minded and listen to what the candidates are saying.

A requirement that we have for each country in our scholarship program is a legal code that bans discrimination. South Africa, Mexico and Turkey have such laws. We believe that God views all people as equal. Acts of intolerance, can occur when people do not share such views. Some of the worst crimes in the history of the world have been committed in the name of perceived superiority of race, religion, gender or nationality. Although progress has been made, there are still quite a few examples of intolerance. Each of us needs to push back when someone is taking away the rights of others, particularly when the people being hurt are a minority and relatively weak in terms of political or military power.

Jerry Gallagher



UPDATE FROM MEXICO

In Mexico, our Scholars attend ITESM. Mexico now has 25 current Scholars and 18 graduated Scholars. This fall, five new Scholars began at ITESM. They are: Kenia Sarahi Coronado Martínez, Daniel Alejandro Hernández Benítez, Jocelyn Annail Gallegos Pérez, Jesús Antonio Martínez López and José Martín Tapin García. Their majors are: Engineering, Digital Music Production, Management, Chemistry and Spanish Literature.

The Mexican Scholars have a number of gatherings throughout the school year. The gatherings are lunch meetings, graduation dinners, and a team building event called Tec Challenge. Tec Challenge is an all day event where the Scholars do a series of different challenges where they need to work together to accomplish the goal.



The Mexican Gallagher Scholars at Tec Challenge in Spring 2012.

UPDATE FROM TURKEY

In Turkey, our Scholars attend Bogazici University in Istanbul. Turkey now has 17 current Scholars and 12 graduated Scholars. We are pleased that in November, Yilmaz Yildiz will conduct the interviews to select our 2012 Scholars.

The Turkish Scholar gatherings during the school year are: lunch meetings, a graduation dinner, a team building event, and lectures from Dr. Ömer Önder. Dr. Önder taught the Scholars about verbal and non verbal communication skills. For the team building gathering, the Scholars met at a ceramic studio where they painted individual pieces and worked together as a team to build a creation with limited resources.



The Turkish Gallagher Scholars at a gathering in Spring 2012

UPDATE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

In South Africa, our Scholars attend the University of Cape Town. South Africa now has 26 current Scholars and 30 graduated Scholars. In August, Jerry and Ellen traveled to Cape Town with Ellen's nephew, Keith Mullane, and his wife, Karen, to participate in interviews and meet with the current Scholars. Thank you again to Dave Schroenn and Professor Simpson for conducting the interviews and Scholar meetings. We selected four young women and two young men. They are: Zandile Kay Matutu, Siphesihle Nonjabulo Emmeline Marrengane, Lukhanyiso Ndevu, Tilden Plaatjies, Mfanelo Mirandah Rikhotso and Nontobeko Nonjabulo Silendelo Zikali. Their majors are: Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Medicine, Business, and Actuarial Science.

The South African Scholar gatherings throughout the school year are: a tour of the Cape Town peninsula for the new Scholars, dinners and a team building event. This year for their team building event they participated in a service project with an organization called Stop Hunger where they packaged meals.



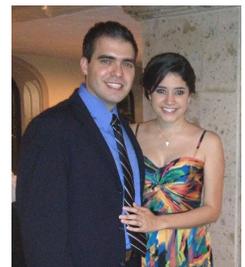
The South African Scholars at a gathering in Spring of 2012

OTHER NEWS TO NOTE

* **Erika Páez** (2007) is getting married on April 6, 2013 to Oscar Martínez. They met in 2006 at a leadership seminar. Erika graduated last June with her degree in Industrial Engineering and is working at OXXO as the coordinator of control documents. Congratulations Oscar and Erika!

*Congratulations to **Lethabo Simelani (Machaba)** (2002) who passed her Pediatric part one exams.

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



Erika and Oscar