



GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

Young Educated Leaders Will Bring Peace and Prosperity to the World

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A LETTER FROM THE GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

We had the 2020 newsletter printed and ready for our typical mid-March sendoff, and then COVID hit. The world as we knew it began to change rapidly. The timing to send our annual newsletter did not seem appropriate, so we hit pause and decided to send it later in the year.

2020 brought a global pandemic, economic uncertainty, political divides, riots, protests, and so much more. This year has highlighted the vast inequities in the world, racially and economically. And COVID isolated us all. Despite all of this, the Gallagher Foundation community came together. During this time, we built community in ways never imagined through virtual gatherings, a leadership summit, birthday celebrations, buddy groups, and virtual groups dedicated to exploring interests together. The highlight was our first ever global Virtual Graduation celebration for our 2020 graduates from all three countries held on August 8th. We had nearly 150 people in attendance. Being together as a global community reminded me of our resilience. As the world can often seem that it is being torn apart, our community is coming together stronger than ever.

Megan Prindiville, Gallagher Foundation President

MEET A CURRENT SCHOLAR

LUIS ÁNGEL CORREA HERNÁNDEZ

Luis Ángel Correa Hernández (2015) is an Industrial Engineering major at ITESM Monterrey in Mexico. Luis enjoys the quality of education at ITESM and appreciates the teachers who transmit their knowledge in an inspiring way. "Sitting in a classroom, with my notebook open, pen in hand and listening to a good professor makes me feel lucky, blessed, happy and grateful that I am at one of the best universities in the world."

Outside of class, Luis spends time with his friends and girlfriend, going to movies, exploring Monterrey and playing board games, video games and puzzles. His biggest challenge is being away from his family and friends from home. The most important lesson Luis has learned at university is to connect with other people and learn from them.

After graduating from ITESM, Luis would like to spend some time in his hometown with his family before coming back to Monterrey to acquire more professional experience and explore careers in entrepreneurship, education and politics.

Luis hopes for a future for Mexico free of corruption and violence, with better education and technological development and innovation. Luis plans to contribute to the fight against global warming in Mexico. To Luis, being a Gallagher Scholar is a privilege, an honor and a commitment to his country. Luis sees the Foundation as a family full of love, ethics, perseverance, courage, effort, diligence, dreams and solidarity.



MEET A GRADUATED SCHOLAR

THERESA MWESIGWA

Theresa Mwesigwa (2011) studied Medicine at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. After realizing that her work in clinical practice wasn't arming her with the skills she needs to solve some of the major challenges that health care practitioners and patients face in South Africa, Terry left clinical practice and began work several months ago as a management consultant at Bain & Company. At Bain, Terry is working with organizations to help solve some of their toughest problems through analysis, collaboration and co-creation.



Terry really enjoys working with young people, especially when it comes to engaging them on issues around their health. Her passion led her to launch an NPO that works in youth development. She gets excited thinking about and talking with others about the future of South Africa and the world. Terry believes that South Africa is in desperate need of active citizenry. "We need people, young and old, to play a more active role in shaping their lives and their futures instead of waiting on the government to deliver their freedom."

Terry's advice for current scholars: "Stay curious." As a Gallagher Scholar, Terry feels she has been more fortunate than most people and she now has the ability to multiply the impact that the scholarship has had on her life. She hopes that the skills, exposure and experience she is gaining at Bain will allow her to someday help solve some of the complex problems in the South African health care system that drove her to study medicine in the first place. The most important lesson Terry has learned in her life is "You are enough."



CELEBRATING OUR 2019 GRADUATES



Congratulations to our 2019 Boğaziçi University Graduates:
 Fırat Can Dikme
 Safa Can Medin
 Enes Koşar

Congratulations to our 2019 UCT Graduates:
 Esethu Anande Mbulawa,
 Nontobeko Nonjabulo Silindelo Zakili



Congratulations to our 2019 ITESM Graduates:
 Nelly Amairany Hernández Valdez
 Jesús Alejandro Reyes Ramírez
 Fernanda Correa Hernandez

CELEBRATING OUR 2020 GRADUATES—VIRTUALLY

GALLAGHER FOUNDATION 2020 GRADUATES

MEXICO GRADUATES

- ◆ Erick Manuel González
- ◆ Luis Angel Correa
- ◆ Jesús Zazueta Reyna
- ◆ Orlando Nájera
- ◆ Tomás Arenas Reyes
- ◆ María Teresa García Villalpando

SOUTH AFRICA GRADUATES

- ◆ Michelle Anderson
- ◆ Cwayita Kweyi
- ◆ Thembisile Ndlovu
- ◆ Nathina Pakade
- ◆ Nontobeko Nonjabulo Silindelo Zikali

TURKEY GRADUATES

- ◆ Vildan Baydur
- ◆ Ceren Filiz Eser
- ◆ Özge Pehlivan
- ◆ Aysemin Yaşar
- ◆ Merve Yıldırım
- ◆ Refik Yıldız
- ◆ Beyza Beyaz

On August 8th, we invited our entire Gallagher Foundation community to help us celebrate our graduates from Mexico, Turkey and South Africa. Over 150 people dialed into our Zoom call from across the world, including the Gallagher Foundation board, graduated scholars and the families of our 2020 graduates. President Megan Prindiville shared a message on leadership and the challenges we have all faced in 2020. The Country Directors toasted each of their graduates and Founder Ellen Gallagher shared some remarks to close our celebration. Our Gallagher graduates were celebrated for their dedication to earning their degrees and their contributions to the Foundation community during their time at their universities as a scholar.



2020 Virtual Graduation Celebration



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- **Ayanda Mavundla (2003)** relocated with her family to Washington, DC in January 2020 as a recipient of the inaugural Jan Walliser Fellowship, providing regional staff at World Bank the opportunity to develop global experience during the year long fellowship.
- **Emmanuel Garcia (2004)** and wife, Melissa, welcomed their daughter, Maria Regina, on April 30, 2019, joining big sister, Ana Sofia.
- **Mvi Hlophe (2005)** moved to Johannesburg and began work as an investment executive at Khulasande Capital, a black-owned fund investment firm backed by Investec. Mvi has also been appointed to the board of Clover, a leading foods and beverages group.
- **Montserrat Bahena (2008)** was married on June 28, 2020 to Nolan Kappelman.
- **Aldo Favio (2009) and Nelly Amairany Hernández Valdez (2015)** got engaged in Paris on January 14, 2020.
- **Liliana Hernández (2009)** and her fiancé, Miguel, who met while students at ITESM, got married in July 2020.
- **Nonji Mncwabe (2010)** was married to Tshepo Motlhetlhi in April 2019.
- **Carlos Omar Ibarra Lopez (2010)** graduated from Yale University as a Fulbright scholar with a Masters degree in Environmental Management with a specialization in Business and Energy.
- **Zozan Baran (2010)** married Till Manderbach in July 2020.
- **Tania López Silva (2010)** received her Ph.D. from Rice University. She will begin her work as a postdoctoral research fellow at the National Cancer Institute.
- **Thabang Letheo (2010)** ran the Chicago Marathon in October 2019, where he ran his best marathon time ever. Thabang's love of running began while a student at UCT. He was training for the Two Oceans Marathon in Cape Town before COVID hit.
- **Alejandra Lavín (2010)** was married to Gerardo Barrios in Monterrey on October 19, 2019. Several Gallagher Scholars were able to join Ale on her beautiful wedding day.
- **Zwelihle Mfundisi (2010)** graduated from Stanford Business School with his Masters in Business Administration.
- **Begüm Kılınçoğulları (2011)** married Semich Chousein, another BU graduate in late 2019.
- **Dr. Naadiya Waggiet (2012)** got engaged to Dr. Amith Partab.
- **Valeria Gómez Rodríguez (2014)** became engaged to Álvaro Zetina in August 2020.



Zozan and Till



Valeria and Álvaro



Ayanda Mavundla and family



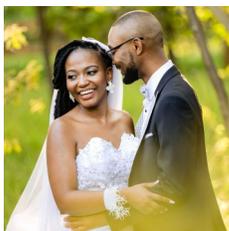
Naadiya and Amith



Emmanuel Garcia and family



Zwelihle graduated from Stanford University with his MBA



Nonji and Tshepo

Thabang Letheo crosses the Chicago Marathon Finish Line



Montserrat and Nolan



Begüm and Semich



Carlos Omar graduated with his Masters degree at Yale University

Gallagher Scholars in London! Zamile Mnisi (South Africa) & Burak Sen (Turkey) connected on GSGN and met in real life.



Tania Lopez Silva received her Ph.D. from Rice University



Liliana and Miguel



Ale and Gerardo and fellow Scholars at their wedding



Aldo and Nelly



Mexican scholars met in Berlin during their study abroad experiences