



GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

Young Educated Leaders Will Bring Peace and Prosperity to the World

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE GALLAGHER FOUNDATION?

Congratulations to our recent ITESM Graduates:

José Martín Tapia Garcia and Kenia Sarahi Coronado Martinez

Congratulations to our recent UCT Graduates:

Ntoetse Caritas Palesa Lerotholi, Siphesibile Nonjabulo Emmeline Marrengeane, Theresa Muhumuza Mwesigwa, Lukhanyiso Ndevu, Tilden Plaatjies, and Mfanelo Mirandah Rikhotso

We have Scholars in Mexico, South Africa and Turkey

189 Total Scholars

22 Current Scholars in Mexico

23 Current Scholars in South Africa

23 Current Scholars in Turkey

121 Graduated Scholars

MEET A CURRENT SCHOLAR

PRAISE NDEBELE

Praise Ndebele (2014) is an Accounting major at University of Cape Town in South Africa. The continued learning and understanding of new material ("most of which seems quite indigestible at first") is what he enjoys most studying at the University. In contrast, his most challenging obstacle is completing all the work he planned to accomplish each study session. He anticipates graduating in 2018.

While at UCT, Praise has continued to excel, achieving a variety of awards including: 1st place (Smuts Hall) Residence Chess Competition, Most versatile EDU student, Top EDU marks for Mathematics 1010 and Financial Accounting, Second Overall Position in the AD-BCom Class for the three year degree, Jan Smuts Award (Smuts Hall Residence Academic Award), and top marks for Mathematics 1000W.



Praise believes that most of what he experiences today (good or bad) is a result of decisions and choices he made earlier in life, and, therefore, he must always continue to make decisions and choices with great care.

Following graduation from UCT, Praise plans to study MPhil in Mathematical Finance at UCT, then work at one of the leading investment firms and qualify as an actuary. Ultimately, he dreams for South Africa "to be an educated country, a country wherein its residents are well-informed of their choices and decisions."

To Praise, being a Gallagher Scholar is "being part of a lifelong family wherein we not only support one other during our university life while as scholars, but also beyond as graduates."

MEET A GRADUATED SCHOLAR

MERT SARIHAN

Mert Sarhan (2009) was a management student at Bogzaci University in Turkey. After graduating in 2014, he continued his education, deepening his analytical skills with coding lessons, as well as, developing Oracle SQL language and business objects tools skills. He now utilizes this skill set as a CRM specialist at Yapı Kredi Bank in Turkey.



It is Mert's dream to create and conduct his original start-up projects and highlight them as Turkey's milestone projects around Europe.

Mert believes that the University is not the end of an education process, but instead a tutorial for a whole life of education.

Giving advice to Gallagher Scholars, Mert advises them to "be aware of how lucky you are. This is the biggest scholarship amount given in Turkey. Work hard to deserve it and be a good representative of our Gallagher family."



A LETTER FROM THE GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

Dear Gallagher Scholars:

We find ourselves amidst a period of tremendous change and uncertainty both within the United States and globally. Our Presidential election was incredibly polarizing and made clear that large numbers of voters felt disenfranchised and ignored. Similar “nationalist” sentiments have arisen in Europe and Latin America – and some have suggested that a global movement is underway with potentially dire consequences. While there is no question that the issues we collectively face – economic and political stability and a desire for peace and prosperity – are real and will require focused effort from the world’s leaders, I remain inherently optimistic in the future.

The history of the United States is one of resilience and progress. In its relatively brief existence, the United States has weathered civil and world wars, economic depression, a history of slavery and the injustices created by it as well as cultural turmoil and in-fighting. As a country we are far from perfect but we have also demonstrated the remarkable impact that individual freedom and opportunity can provide. Economic progress, scientific advancement, entrepreneurship and creative expression have flourished within a democratic society that tolerates open disagreement and debate. The ability to affect change through peaceful means has enabled our country to overcome setbacks and improve the lives of countless citizens.

While some may question our current political climate, we believe the underlying values of inclusion, tolerance and opportunity will prove their relevance and resilience in the years to come. These same values guided my parents’ efforts to establish the Gallagher Foundation. We remain committed to their vision of supporting talented young people who dream of contributing to and improving their respective home countries. We do not pretend to “know the answers” for the best path forward – rather we share a conviction that investing in education and young talent will create strong leaders for the future.

The Gallagher Scholars are part of our extended family – you make up a community of young leaders with tremendous potential and passion for countries with great traditions and promise. We hope you will continue to support one another on that journey as you determine how best to use your talents.

The history of our world affirms that individual leaders matter – they have the ability to affect change and inspire others. It is up to you to help shape what that future will look like. Your stories and examples continue to impress and motivate us. We remain committed to supporting your educational advancement and look forward to seeing where you will take us!

Sincerely,

JP Gallagher

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- **Mpho Mutloane (2013)** recently qualified as a Chartered Accountant and started a new job at Fieldstone Africa as an Analyst.
- **Miguel Israel Chávez Santoscoy (2014)** is getting married July 22nd , 2017
- **Özge Küçükkelmas (2014)** and Gokalp Kobe Ertugrul are getting married on July 10th, 2017
- **Nkosiphile Kemeni (2006)** married Mthabisi on August 13, 2016
- **Nelly Amairany Hernandez Valdez (2019)** was Invited by the president of The Social and Economic Council, Frederick Musiwa Makamure Shava, to attend the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2017. She is the first generation of Mexican Youth to participate. She also received an invitation to participate in the 61st Commission on Status of Women Youth Forum by UN Women held March 11-12.
- **Burak Sen (2012)** married Pelin on July 16, 2016



Özge and Kobe at their Engagement Celebration



Nelly was Invited to Attend the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2017



Burak and Pelin on their Wedding Day



Turkish Scholars at a Jewelry Making Gathering



Mexican Scholars at a Taco Gathering



South African Scholars at the Graduate Dinner



Nkosi and Mthabisi on their Wedding Day