



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: Daniel Alexandro Hernández Benítez, Jocelyn Annail Gallegos Pérez, Arlen Fernanda Salazar Benavides, Luis Fernando Casillas Salcedo, David Trejo Garcia

Congratulations to our recent UCT Graduates: Mfanelo Rikhotso, Lerato Dinah Mahwayi, Nomandla Sunrise Duma, Naadiya Waggiet

Congratulations to our recent Bogazici Graduates: Ragıp Kademoğlu, Havle Esma Odabaş, İlayda Mutlu, Fevzi Kalem, Beren Kayalı, Gökböri Mert Tural, Sidar Baytar, Refik Yıldız

We have Scholars in Mexico, South Africa, and Turkey

Total Scholars: 196

Current Scholars in Mexico: 21

Current Scholars in South Africa: 22

Current Scholars in Turkey: 18

Graduated Scholars: 135

MEET A CURRENT SCHOLAR

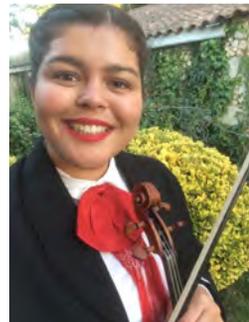
FERNANDA CORREA

Fernanda Correa (2015) is a Digital Music Production Engineering major at ITESM in Monterrey, Mexico. As a violinist in ITESM orchestra, Fernanda achieved first chair as a second year scholar.

Fernanda finds great value in the opportunities to interact with well prepared teachers and inspiring classmates at ITESM. Because of the extensive opportunities offered, Fernanda finds that her biggest challenge is to keep from overloading her schedule. As she interacts with a wide variety of people, she believes that everyone she encounters can teach her an important lesson and she makes it a goal to be open minded and accepting.

After graduating from ITESM, Fernanda hopes to continue studying and learning, whether doing so within her career or a graduate program. Outside of school, she enjoys playing the violin in various groups, reading, watching movies, running, and listening to as much music as she can.

Fernanda's hope for Mexico is that quality education would be available and accessible to the majority of the population, and that the arts would be found valuable. She believes that a Gallagher Scholar is a role model in the community serving as a representative of the Foundation's values through hard work, integrity, and dedication.



MEET A GRADUATED SCHOLAR

AALIA MANIE

Aalia Manie (2005) was a Law and Finance major at University of Cape Town in South Africa. After graduating in 2008, she furthered her studies to obtain a LLB degree. She has since joined the law firm Webber Wentzel where she specializes in IP and technology law, running projects around innovation. Recently, Aalia has been managing an advocacy initiative aimed at changing laws in which she and her team have achieved relations which have been widely applauded.

In 2017, Aalia served as the lead on a team that received the Webber Wentzel IP team of the year award. That same year, Aalia received the Attorney of the Year highly commended runner up, as well as, being named Top 200 South Africans.

Aalia loves learning, starting new projects, and engaging with people. She has learned the importance of being authentic and striving to be a better version of herself everyday. She believes that South Africa needs positive and patriotic young people who utilize their skills to make meaningful contributions to the country.

She believes that her experience as a Gallagher Scholar is the backbone of every achievement she's made to date, defining and driving her. She remembers Mr. Gallagher's voice in her head and constantly makes decisions to help make him proud.

Aalia's advice for current scholars: "Your life and career will hinge on how you treat those around you and the relationships you form. Be good to people. It will be the best investment you make. Make time for those that matter."





A LETTER FROM THE GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

To our Gallagher Scholar Community,

My father's birthday was March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. I often think of him, but this time of year causes me to reflect even more on who he was and what he stood for. My Dad was the most ethical, hard working person I have ever met in my life. My parents both instilled an understanding that we have a responsibility to do our best and be our best. When I brought my report card home no matter what the grade was they would ask if I worked my hardest if I hadn't they would be disappointed.

This summer I needed to remember to bring a life vest (flotation device) home for one of my kids to bring to camp. I set a reminder on my phone. My phone did not hear me properly, it said: "bring life's best." I smiled when I saw it. The next day a reminder popped up to "bring life's best". I grabbed the life vest and put it in my car not thinking much about it. The following day the reminder popped up "bring life's best", and that is when it struck me that I should remind myself every day to bring life's best. I left the reminder on my phone and every day at 11 am I get that reminder and every day no matter what I am doing I stop and reflect and ask myself if I am bringing my best. I wish I could say I always am, but it is my goal. What would this world be like if everyone brought life's best? Think of all we could do.

Sincerely,
Megan Prindiville



Please join us in welcoming **Wiedaad Dollie** as the new Country Director in South Africa. She comes to the Gallagher Foundation with extensive scholarship program experience having previously worked with the Dell Young Leaders program. We are thrilled to have Wiedaad joining the team.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- **Hernan Cantu (2005)** has a new job as Energy Manager at Deacero and is happy to be back home in Monterrey.
- **Kwadwo Ofori Owusu (2009)** was formally admitted as an Attorney of the High Court of South Africa, having completed his two-year period of articles of clerkship as a Candidate Attorney at Cliffe Dekker Hofemry Inc ("CDH"), one of the Big 5 law firms in South Africa. He has been retained and appointed as an Associate at CDH.
- **Firat Can Dikme (2015)** started work as a part-time civil engineer at Entegre Project Management. While participating in Alarko Holding Talent Day, his team received second place in the Case Study Contest.
- **Nelly Amairany Hernandez Valdez (2019)** is currently working as a full-time intern at the Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTCO) of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS) of the Organization of American States (OAS).
- **Deniz Ay (2005)** completed her doctoral studies and received her PhD in Urban and Regional Planning. Additionally, she had a happy and healthy baby boy, Ezra Günes Yilmaz.
- **Can Bozdog (2005)** was admitted to the Master in Management program at the Technical University of Munich. He also successfully completed the Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Financial Services Auditor, and Certified Fraud Examiner certificates offered by the Institute of Internal Auditors and Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.



Baby Ezra Günes Yilmaz



Firat Can Dikme standing by the Bosphorus



Kwadwo Ofori Owusu formally admitted as Attorney of the High Court



Nelly Hernandez working as an intern



Turkish Scholars at the What's Next Gathering



Mexican Scholars enjoying a meal at a Gathering



South African Scholars and Graduates at the Scholar luncheon