



GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

We have Scholars in Mexico, South Africa and Turkey

133 Total Scholars

70 Graduated Scholars

Congratulations to our December graduates:

Mpho Mutloane, Mosa Moletsane, Mpumelele Cele, Kwadwo Owusu, Manuel Pichardo Rojas, Gerardo Moreno Rodriguez and Zülfikar Kürüm

63 Current Scholars

33 Female

30 Male

MEET A CURRENT SCHOLAR

Nonjabulo Mncwabe

Nonjabulo (Nonji) is a Gallagher Scholar at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. She is smart, hardworking, fun and very personable. She is studying accounting and was on the Dean's Merit List in 2010 and 2011.

When she is not studying she likes to spend time with her friends, watch TV, listen to music, take naps and stay in touch with family and friends who are not in Cape Town. Nonji loves school and the diversity of the student body.

She likes to learn about different people who have helped her learn more about herself. Not only has the University of Cape Town challenged her academically, but it taught her the value of knowing who she is. She feels with a good support system you can get through any situation. Nonji is very proud of being a Gallagher scholar.



MEET A GRADUATED SCHOLAR

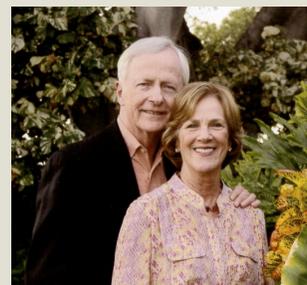
Diana Flores

Diana was selected as a Gallagher Scholar in 2004 and graduated from ITESM Chihuahua campus in 2008 with a degree in law. She worked in a law firm and is now working for the Federal government in the Public Defenders' office as an administrative officer. Diana wants to become a Public Defender. She is pleased that she offers free, honest and high quality services to people who cannot afford an attorney. Earlier she took a break from working and entered a spiritual formation program for a semester. This program was life changing for her. Diana believes having high standards pays off and is the best contribution she can make to Mexico.

Her advice to current Gallagher Scholars is to always keep striving for excellence. Be humble and if you fail keep fighting because that is what life is. Continuing, in spite of everything. Never forget that if we are where we are, it is only because someone else was interested in us and gave us their support and this commits us to do the same for others.



FOUNDERS CORNER



Greetings from Minnesota!

I am in the middle of a two week period here at home in Minnesota which has allowed me time to reflect on a number of things including two trips; one we made in January and one we plan to make in May.

In January, Ellen and I participated in a 3½ week National Geographic sponsored around-the-world tour that visited 11 countries with 22 flights and more than 35,000 miles of travel. It was a wonderful, busy time and we learned a great deal. We saw breathtaking natural beauty, viewed impressive man-made structures and met hundreds of nice people. There were massive variations in the standards of living among the countries which reminds me of a statement I recently read that says the evidence is overwhelming that it is leadership and laws that make the most difference rather than natural resources and location. We are counting on you!

The May trip will be to attend my 50th Princeton University reunion. Both of us are looking forward to the event where Ellen will know quite a few people because we were dating for the last two years of my four years there. In responding to a request that each classmate write a brief essay, I noted that my life is centered on our family and that I still enjoy my work despite being 72 years old. In addition, I said that I am very impressed by our talented and promising Gallagher Scholars. You have added a great deal to our lives.

Jerry



UPDATE FROM MEXICO

In Mexico our Scholars attend ITESM. Mexico now has 23 current Scholars and 20 graduated Scholars. Next month Jerry will travel to Monterrey to conduct the candidate interviews and meet with each of the Scholars. He is really looking forward to his trip.

The Mexican Scholars have had a number of gatherings this school year. They have met for dinner at a taco bar, had a graduation dinner for Gerardo Moreno at a nice restaurant in town. Most recently, the Scholars had their team building gathering where they navigated a ropes course together. This was a fun but challenging day for them.

The Mexican Scholars have also recently reinstated the Gallagher Association. This is a community service organization for students in secondary school. The objective is to empower secondary students to achieve their dreams, broaden their horizons and to teach them to be proud of being Mexican.



The Mexican Gallagher Scholars at Gerardo's graduation dinner

UPDATE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

In South Africa our Scholars attend the University of Cape Town. South Africa has 20 current Scholars and 35 graduated Scholars.

The South African Scholars started their school year in February. They recently had their first gathering. The six newly selected Scholars went on a tour of Cape Town and the surrounding area. They reported that the tour was exquisite with breathtaking views. It allowed them to bond with each other away from the demands of their intense school schedules. A highlight of the tour was watching the penguins in the sea. After their tour they met up with all the Gallagher Scholars at the annual dinner at Moyo's. This evening gave the returning Scholars a chance to meet the newest Scholars and welcome them into the Gallagher family. The setting was a nice relaxed atmosphere with great food and entertainment. It was a wonderful evening.



The six newest South African Gallagher Scholars on their tour of Cape Town

UPDATE FROM TURKEY

In Turkey our Scholars attend Bogazici in Istanbul. Turkey now has 20 current Scholars and 13 graduated Scholars. This fall, Yilmaz Yildiz and Elvan Zihnioglu conducted the candidate interviews for the Foundation. We thank both of them for the many hours they put into selecting our newest candidates. Only three of the candidates presented by the University met our high standards. They are: Burak Sen, Derya Baris and Fevzi Kalem. Their majors are: Political Science, Mechanical Engineering and Western Languages and Literature.

In December the Turkish Scholars had a gathering at a historic place, Emirgan by the Bosphorus. The atmosphere was great, students talked about their courses and the faculty. The newly selected Scholars met the returning Gallagher Scholars and soon everyone was enjoying each others company and the wonderful local fish. Last week the Turkish Scholars had their team building activity which was a cooking class. They cooked a wonderful Italian meal together with the direction from a famous chef, Zeynel Haldun Tuzel. Afterwards they enjoyed their hard work. Everyone had a wonderful time.



The Turkish Scholars at the December gathering