



## WHAT'S NEW AT THE GALLAGHER FOUNDATION?

### We have Scholars in Mexico, South Africa and Turkey

#### 170 Total Scholars

23 Current Scholars in Mexico

26 Current Scholars in South Africa

21 Current Scholars in Turkey

#### 100 Graduated Scholars

Congratulations to our recent Bogazici Graduates:

Ömer Faruk Baysal, Burak Şen, Cem Öztürk, Zozan Baran, Uğur Selçuk

Congratulations to our recent ITESM Graduate:

Luis Eduardo Jaimes Ramírez

## MEET A CURRENT SCHOLAR

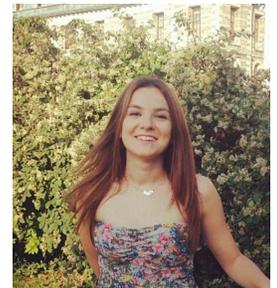
### Sila Baştürk

Sila Baştürk is studying Management at Bogazici University in Turkey. She was selected as a Gallagher Scholar in 2011. Bogazici has provided a culture where she has felt free, powerful and confident giving her inspiration to develop her vision and abilities. During her time at the University, she has developed the belief that one should never stop learning, striving and hoping.

Currently, Sila has an internship at a pharmaceutical company's finance department. After she graduates, Sila would like to work in Project Finance, Risk Management or as a Consultant. Once she has gained professional life experience, she plans to work toward a Masters Degree and PhD in Financial Engineering. It is her dream to eventually become a professor at Bogazici University and build her own Consulting firm specializing in social entrepreneurship.

The most challenging decision for Sila is in choosing the area of specialty in which she can give her absolute best. It is her desire to achieve all the she is capable of, believing that meaningful living is achieved by giving your full potential and touching other people's lives positively.

Sila dreams for Turkey to become a country that is respectful of human rights, allowing citizens freedom from political and social pressure. She believes that the lack of education is a major factor currently driving these issues. It is Sila's hope that every citizen of Turkey could receive an education and that Turkey would progress because of this.



## MEET A GRADUATED SCHOLAR

### Dumisani Ngwenya

Dumisani Ngwenya graduated in 2006 from University of Cape Town in Statistical Science. The years since graduation have flown by fast for him. As a Vice President for Absa Bank, Dumisani performs macroeconomic research on Sub-Saharan African sovereigns. In recent years, the team has achieved a top two ranking in the JSE (Johannesburg Stock Exchange) Spire Awards, in the FICC research category.

Beyond producing thoughtful research on the SSA region, he has had the opportunity to travel around Southern Africa. The travel has brought to reality the extensive challenges the continent faces, as well as the opportunities. Even though progress has been slow in many parts of the Sub-Saharan Africa region, Dumisani is optimistic for a more developed and stronger Africa in the future. It is his belief that South Africa can do much more in embracing regional integration and enhancing the continent's vantage point as a unified block. One of his near-term goals is to return to full-time study to further augment his academic experience and strengthen the research footprint on Africa.

Dumisani's advice for current scholars is "there is a world out there for you to capture, influence and build. That tutorial that is making you sweat more than usual, is but testing your resilience. You have got it. Keep challenging yourself. Work hard. Work smart. Keep focused. The sky is the limit."

To Dumisani, being a Gallagher Graduate means being conscious of the power of education and how it can impact lives. He is inspired by the far-reaching growth the Foundation has seen.





### FOUNDER'S CORNER

Martin West passed away in July 2015. He had many roles at University of Cape Town (UCT) as a Lecturer in Social Anthropology, rising to become Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University and ultimately spending 43 years with University of Cape Town.

Martin West played a facilitating role for the Gallagher Foundation from its earliest days of involvement with UCT and for a number of years participated actively on the panel for selection of new Gallagher Scholars. When he contracted Parkinson's Disease in 2006, he was forced into early retirement.

Martin West shared a birthday with Nelson Mandela and will be remembered with Madiba as a breaker of new ground and an agent of change in South Africa. He leaves his wife, Val, daughter Paula, son Adam and 4 grandchildren. Rest in Peace, Martin

*Dave Schroenn*

The Gallagher Foundation is at a key crossroads as our succession plan evolves. My father is no longer here to guide our vision. Graduated Scholars are starting to get involved in interviewing candidates, mentoring Current Scholars and counseling on program needs. I am excited about the direction the Gallagher Foundation is heading. Thank you to everyone who has supported us to get here.

*Kindest Regards,  
Megan Prindiville*



### OTHER NEWS TO NOTE

#### Congratulations to:

**Safa Naraghi** (2011) was selected for the South African Washington International Program SAWIP, a leadership and service program. He traveled throughout the United States and participated in extensive leadership training. Congratulations Safa!

**Cem Öztürk** (2010) won an investment contest at Bogazici where he got a 151% return on his investment.

**Luis Eduardo** (2010) is getting his Masters Degree at the University of Nottingham in Efficient Fossil Energy Technologies. After he graduates he plans to return to Mexico and work in the energy sector.

**Jocelyn Gallegos Pérez** (2012) was nominated Queen of Monterrey campus, and new director Council of Acciones por Mexico.

**Erick Ricardo Espinosa Gomez** (2009) will marry Jessica Lizbeth Gomez Pledge on October 29th. Congratulations Erick and Jessica!



Valeria was selected as Residence Queen



Cem with his Award



Jocelyn Crowned Queen of Monterrey Campus



Adrianna (Mexican Scholar) and Sila (Turkish Scholar) meet in Istanbul



Erick and his Fiance Jessica



Mexican Scholars on a Hike



Turkish Scholars at Graduation Dinner



South African Scholars at Scholar Dinner