



GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

Peace & Prosperity through education

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE GALLAGHER FOUNDATION

We have Scholars in Mexico, South Africa and Turkey

119 Total Scholars

56 Graduated Scholars

Congratulations to our December Graduates:

*Mpumelelo Cele, Nkosiphile Kemeni & Nonkululeko Zungu graduated from University of Cape Town.

*Erika Morales Paez graduated from ITESM.

63 Current Scholars

31 female, 32 male

MEET A CURRENT SCHOLAR

Mariana Sandoval Ulloa

Mariana truly depicts what it means to be a Gallagher Scholar. Mariana is from Guanajuato, Mexico and is studying Political Science at ITESM. She is enthusiastic and has a very positive attitude which makes her a good friend, citizen and reliable person. Academically, she is very successful at school with a 94% GPA. Outside of school she works part time in the department of social responsibility where she is in charge of community projects. When she is not studying or working, she might be dancing. She is currently taking flamenco classes. When asked what it meant to be a Gallagher Scholar she said, "Being a Gallagher Scholar has defined the way I see life now, my plans, my future. Being a Gallagher Scholar has shaped me into a more responsible and committed person with the development of my country, but most of all, it's very exciting being part of a new generation of young Mexicans, people dedicated to do their best for their country."



MEET A GRADUATED SCHOLAR

Trevor Chuma

Trevor was selected as a Gallagher Scholar in 2003 and he graduated from UCT in 2006 with a Bachelor in Business Science. Currently he is working as a finance manager for Anglo American, based in Venezuela in their nickel mining industry. He plans to return to South Africa next year and continue building his campaign to be South Africa's president. Until then he looks forward to returning back to South Africa and applying his trade for the benefit of his homeland's economy.



Trevor now speaks Spanish fluently and is learning Portuguese. He has become an avid Salsa dancer and reader. He has helped build two homes in two years. Trevor has traveled extensively. He has also become fit and serious about staying healthy. He has expanded his awareness of our world and has come to a better understanding of responsibility as an individual. When asked what it means to be a Gallagher Scholar he said, "It was an honor to be selected and being a Gallagher graduate and Alumni is a proud association. It's a special scholarship which bestows on all its beneficiaries the responsibilities of planning one's life journey beyond personal gain. I have done my best to scrutinize each of my various commitments over the years, especially since graduating, to evaluate how much of my cause is for personal interest and for wider benefit. Where I haven't done as much as I could've, I have been deeply disappointed and have been spurred on to contribute more to my community the next time. I am also encouraged by each interaction with fellow Gallagher graduates because it seems this preoccupation giving back and adding value beyond is a shared vision. That's what I would call "The Gallagher Factor"."

FOUNDERS CORNER

The last six months have provided a combination of a bright beginning and a tragic ending for the Gallagher Foundation. Selecting a truly outstanding group of new Scholars in Istanbul with Megan, Sarah Fangman and John Fangman was a bright beginning. Sinazo Maqhutyana's drowning was a tragic ending. Ellen and I feel as if we lost a member of our own family. She was the first candidate we interviewed and gave us confidence that our brand new program would be successful because she was nice, talented, and showed much potential. A few days after her 21st birthday she wrote a beautiful letter to us in which she discussed her desire "to form my goals for the person I want to become." She certainly achieved much in her too brief life, including becoming an accomplished physician.

As the United States heads towards a presidential election in November 2012, I am reminded of the importance of voting. Helping to elect ethical and talented leaders who are capable of successfully leading our countries is a very important responsibility that all of us as citizens in liberal democracies share.

Keith Mullane is a nephew of Ellen's. We are pleased that he and his wife, Karen, will be joining Dave Schroenn, John Simpson, Ellen and me in September for the Scholar meetings and candidate interviews in Cape Town.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy and productive 2012.

Jerry Gallagher



UPDATE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Is it her infectious unique laugh that we will miss most about her? Or is it her deep intelligent questions she always asked when all was said and done? Those questions that made us realise that there is still more to think about and do? Maybe what we will miss most about her is her honesty that allowed her to connect with so many people and the tenacity that she possessed to stand for her deepest beliefs.

When I met Sinazo in 2001 at the first Gallagher interviews, I soon realised that I had been equipped with a confident personality that will help me attain my goal of being one of the scholars. My first impressions were proved right when we both made the first intake group of the Gallagher Foundation with Tiisetso, Buhle, Kgomotso and Wayne. We all soon discovered that Sinazo was adventurous during our outings and often encouraged us to do daring things like the roller coaster rides in Ratanga Junction. (A Theme Park in Cape Town)



Sinazo Maqhutiyana

Words cannot describe the great sense of loss felt by all of us- the Gallagher family and yet again words cannot fully capture her achievements and her determination to do more. At her memorial service organised by her church, I realised that she had touched more lives than she had shared about and as my husband put it, "She accomplished more than most people would in 60 years!" I hereby raise a toast to one of the greatest woman who walked the earth. Written by: Lethabo Machaba Summer

UPDATE FROM TURKEY

In Turkey, our Scholars attend Bogazici University in Istanbul. Turkey now has 18 current Scholars and 12 graduated Scholars. This fall Jerry and Megan traveled to Istanbul with their good friends John Fangman and his daughter, Sarah, to interview the candidates and meet with the current Scholars. The trip was very successful. They selected three young men and three young women. They are: Ugur Selcuk, Umut Unal, Begüm Kılınçoğulları, Ömer Faruk Baysal, Özge Küçükeltas, and Sila Bastürk. Two of them are studying management, two political science and international relations, one history, and one is studying translation. This newly selected group of Scholars is very impressive and will be an excellent addition to the program in Turkey.



The Turkish Gallagher Scholars at the Scholar Dinner in October 2011

UPDATE FROM MEXICO

In Mexico, our Scholars attend ITESM. Mexico now has 23 current Scholars and 14 graduated Scholars. Jerry, Ellen and Megan will interview the next set of candidates by video in May of 2012. The program continues to do well in Mexico.



Some Mexican Gallagher Scholars at Erka's graduation dinner in December

OTHER NEWS TO NOTE

*Tragically **Sinazo Maqhutiyana** (2002) died on December 30, 2011. She majored in Medicine at UCT and graduated in 2007. Sinazo practiced medicine at Helen Joseph Hospital in Johannesburg concentrating on HIV.

***Mvikeli Hlophe** (2005), has been serving articles at Ernst & Young Inc. since 2010. He recently learned that he has passed the second board exam and will be a fully qualified chartered accountant (CA) at the end of the year. Congratulations Mvikeli!

***Ntuthuko Mtshali** (2004) got married on December 6, 2011 in a small ceremony to Dimakatso Maja. He also was recently appointed as the Executive Assistant to the Finance Director of Old Mutual Emerging Markets. Congratulations Ntuthuko!

*Congratulations to **Zipho Sikhakhane** who was accepted to Stanford University in the MBA program.

*Gallagher Foundation is now on **LinkedIn**. We have a private group set up called Gallagher Foundation. If you have not already joined, please request to join our group.

*The Gallagher Foundation **website** has been updated.



Ntuthuko and Dimakatso on their wedding day