



# Newsletter

## From Garinger Grad to College Grad

....Making a difference in our communities!

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On April 14, 2018 the Garinger Education Foundation honored eleven of our scholars who are graduating from college with either an associate degree or a bachelor's degree. Thanks to the generosity of Plaza Presbyterian Church, the banquet was held in their fellowship hall and was attended by scholars, their families, board members and friends of the Garinger Education Foundation.

The focus of the scholars' remarks was one of undeniable gratitude. They spoke such words as "blessing," "grateful," and "can't thank you enough" when asked to address the group. These young adults have the drive and tools to make an impact in education, the lives of children, the community and the world!

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you are interested in  
volunteering.



## Congratulations to our 2018 College Graduates!

- Roma Bustillos**, Associate in Arts from Central Piedmont Community College, Transferring to UNCC to major in International Studies
- Rosaria Del Cid**, Associate Degree in Accounting from Central Piedmont Community College
- Lupita Fernandez**, Bachelor of Science in Biology from Catawba College
- Asanté Jones**, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from North Carolina Central University
- Quyen Kpuih**, Associate in Arts in Graphic Design and Marketing from Central Piedmont Community College, transferring to UNCC for bachelor degree
- Ariana Mitchem**, Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Studies from Winston-Salem State University
- Alicia Robinson**, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Winston-Salem State University
- Yeibin Sanchez**, Associate in Science from Central Piedmont Community College, transferring to UNCC to study International Business
- Daria Smith**, Bachelor of Science in Food Services Management from Johnson & Wales University
- Georgina Smith**, completed the course in Cosmetology at The Paul Mitchell School
- Hydeia Wilfong**, Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science in Criminal Justice from North Carolina Central University

## Shop at Amazon.com and earn money for scholarships!

Do you shop online at Amazon.Com? Yes! Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and you will have an opportunity to set up an account. Same great website and same great prices! Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to a charity of your choice. When prompted, link your account to Garinger Education Foundation. You shop and the foundation gets money! Please tell your friends and family about this. It might not seem like much, but every little bit helps us provide more scholarships.

## Online Giving!

Watch the GEF Website at [www.garingereducationfoundation.org](http://www.garingereducationfoundation.org) for an opportunity to donate through PayPal. We will be adding that feature soon.

## New Email

The Garinger Education Foundation has a new email address. Please contact us at [gef.wildcats@gmail.com](mailto:gef.wildcats@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns regarding our programs or events.

### A few highlights of the banquet

North Carolina Central University graduate, Assanté Jones was the keynote speaker. With a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, he admits that the GEF scholarship provided him with an “opportunity of a lifetime” through the experiences he gained throughout college. He looks forward to “giving back” by becoming a donor to the Garinger Education Foundation himself. His ultimate goal is to open a Learning academy serving minorities.



**Rosaria Del Cid**, who is graduating from Central Piedmont Community College with an Associate Degree in Accounting thanked the Foundation for providing “an open door” allowing them, and future Garinger grads, to pursue their dreams.

**Ariana Mitchem**, who received her Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Studies from Winston-Salem State University in December, is already making a difference in the lives of children as a counselor at Alexander Youth Network.



**Lupita Fernandez** will receive a Bachelor of Science in Biology, with a minor in chemistry and Spanish, from Catawba College. After working for a year to save money, she plans to apply to dental school.

Hear from all of our graduates in a video of the banquet on

YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JgdRfbUYpiU&feature=youtu.be>

## Garinger Science Department Receives Help from the Foundation



Mr. Justin Hamel, Chair of the Science Department approached the Foundation this year requesting help in purchasing new shelves for departmental supplies. When science teachers were moved from the 100, 200 and 300 buildings to the 600 building, there was no provision for storing their supplies in the same building as their classrooms. In fact, many of the supplies were in closets of teachers who don't even teach science. The shelving units, purchased by the GEF, give the science teachers easy access to their supplies with less time traveling to other buildings. That is time spent preparing lessons and helping the students! The staff gives

the Foundation a big “thumbs-up!”