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You can honor a loved one by purchasing a paver on the Walk of Honor to the memorial. What a great Christmas gift for the person who has everything! Look for the paver form on the website.



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www.garingereducationfoundation.org

- ✚ Today's Garinger High School is a Title I school where over 90% of its enrollment qualify for free or reduced lunch. English is a second language in over 50% of the students' homes.
- ✚ Since its beginnings with donations from the class of 1963 the Garinger Education Foundation has raised over \$388,000 for scholarships, teacher incentives, students, facilities, memorial and gardens.
- ✚ The Administration and fundraising cost is kept at a low of 1.7% due to the work of volunteers in our administration and fundraising efforts.
- ✚ Since the initial group of scholars from the class of 2014 a total of 122 scholarships have been awarded. Currently there are 114 students in college on Garinger Education Foundation scholarships.
- ✚ Of the 114 students in college today, 73 of them were provided with a laptop computer by the Foundation upon enrollment in their respective colleges.
- ✚ Our students have enrolled in a variety of schools including Central Piedmont Community College, UNC Charlotte, Appalachian State University, NC Central University, NC A&T, NC State, UNC Greensboro, Winston-Salem State University, UNC Asheville, Carolinas College of Health Sciences, Catawba College, Fayetteville State, Johnson & Wales, Western Carolina University, Norwich University, Spelman University, Hampton University, and Paul Mitchell.
- ✚ Since the beginnings of the Foundation, members have donated over 6,500 hours of volunteer time to the activities of the Garinger Education Foundation.

Spotlight on Christian Hukportie

Christian is one of our 2015 scholars who is currently a sophomore attending North Carolina A & T University in Greensboro. Majoring in Computer Science, he is preparing for a career in the financial world. His current interests include industrial banking and capital markets, and he is a member of the National Society of Black Engineers. Christian also has a passion for music, and is shown here entertaining students on campus. Upon graduation, this grateful scholar hopes to spend two years giving back as a member of the Teach for America Program.





Under the leadership of Susan Hooper, GEF Board Member and Master Gardener, the campus has been totally beautified with landscaping, new plantings and mulch. The courtyards in the buildings have become outside classrooms, enhancing the students' learning experiences.

Would you like to volunteer some of your time? There are many opportunities available from gardening to helping with our teacher appreciation luncheons. Just connect with us through the website for more information.

Spotlight on Hydeia Wilfong

Hydeia is one of our 2014 scholars who is currently a junior at North Carolina Central University in Durham. She is studying criminal justice with a concentration in homeland security. Hydeia is considering Law School after finishing her undergraduate degree.



Spotlight on Jennifer Olvera



Jennifer is one of our most recent scholars from the GHS Class of 2016. She is a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Jennifer is pursuing a double major of Sociology and General Art with a teaching license in one of those subjects as well. Her long-term dream is to work with a nonprofit benefitting low income students in the Charlotte area through community involvement. In Jennifer's words, "thanks to our generous donors for the refurbished laptop and the help in paying for my studies. I can genuinely say you are making a good investment by supporting Garinger students in pursuing higher education."

Have you considered the benefits of making a year-end donation?

- ✚ You will have an additional tax deduction for the 2016 year.
- ✚ You will help us reach our 2016 scholarship goal of \$140,250. We are almost there with \$122,254—only three weeks remaining to raise \$17,996!
- ✚ You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your donation will directly impact our students, teachers and community in a positive way!

You can send your check made out to The Garinger Education Foundation to:

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