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- 🎓 We welcome the new president of the Garinger Education Foundation, Jim Beatty, who brings a wealth of experience in community service in addition to being a United States Olympian and the first person in the world to break the indoor 4-minute mile! He is a member of the Garinger Hall of Fame and the US Track & Field Hall of Fame.
- 🎓 We thank our past president, Ron Tucker, for his tremendous leadership in helping to form the foundation and get things going. Job well-done, Ron!
- 🎓 We welcome our new Chairman of the Board, Rick Harris and Vice-President, Jack Brayboy. They both bring tremendous gifts of organization and communication to the Board.
- 🎓 We owe a special thanks to Hamp Hager for his vision and leadership as past Chairman of the Board. He is devoted to the continued education of our Garinger grads! Hamp will continue to serve as Treasurer and a member of the Scholarship Committee.
- 🎓 Thanks to Susan Hooper and her diligent helpers, the gardens and landscaping around Garinger have been completed. Susan has planted perennials in the gardens that are drought tolerant. Only mulch and a handful of annuals will be added each year in some of the gardens. It is anticipated that the regular upkeep and maintenance of the gardens will be turned over to the staff and students of Garinger.
- 🎓 Thanks to Carol Morris and volunteers for organizing and serving four staff and faculty appreciation luncheons throughout the school year. The teachers were most appreciative!
- 🎓 Thanks to Jane Suitt and the Scholarship Committee for their hard work and diligence in the selection and awarding over 100 scholarships for the fall of 2017.
- 🎓 Thanks to Barbara Malady for coordinating volunteers to evaluate end of year projects and proctor exams.
- 🎓 Many thanks to our donors who helped us raise over \$140,000 to make all this possible!



A Message from the President

As the incoming President of the Garinger Education Foundation, I am humbled and honored to be a part of this worthy organization. I thank our Past President, Ron Tucker for his leadership as the first president. As a runner I learned the importance of perseverance. If something is important, keep on pursuing it. Helping to provide a college education for our young Garinger graduates is something to keep on pursuing, and I intend to do just that!

As you can see from the Snapshot of the 2016-2017 school year, we accomplished much thanks to our hard-working board, donors and volunteers. In addition to the funds that were raised, our volunteers donated over 600 hours to Foundation activities. We look forward to increasing that in the next school year. As a Foundation we are always grateful, but never satisfied. We will be persistent in our quest to help provide projects, programs and resources to improve the educational environment for all at Garinger High School and provide scholarship opportunities for graduating students.

President, Garinger Education Foundation

Spotlight on UNC-G Bound Scholars



Wildcat Pride! Teachers are proud to be a part of the Garinger family. The Garinger Education Foundation is proud of our outstanding faculty and staff.



Faculty and staff are grateful for the Foundation's appreciation luncheons. We provided 4 luncheons during the school year. It was an opportunity to gather socially and enjoy a good meal before getting back to work on early dismissal days.



When classes resume at UNC-Greensboro this fall, four Garinger Scholars will be among those attending school there. Two juniors, Honora Ankong and Brianna Geddis, and two freshmen, Jackie Sandoval and Gwen Love, will proudly represent Garinger High School on the Greensboro campus. The Garinger Education Foundation had a chance to visit with three of the girls before they leave for school. ***Pictured here from left to right are Gwen Love, Jackie Sandoval and Honora Ankong.***

These three scholars were each drawn to UNC-G for different reasons. Gwen knew that she eventually wanted a double major in business marketing and music. She was drawn to the nationally recognized School of Music. Jackie knew she wanted to go to school out of town and was drawn to the affordability and location of UNC-G. Honora also wanted to go away to school and was initially drawn to the location and programs offered at UNC-G.

Honora, who is an English major with a psychology minor, has many extra-curricular plans for the upcoming year. Among other things, she looks forward to settling into the Honors program, serving as a Peer Academic Leader, joining a poetry club, and continuing her work-study program in the library. Jackie is a Bio-Chemistry major who plans to look for chemistry research opportunities. Gwen is interested in finding a work-study program and continuing to do work for a non-profit, Students for Educational Reform.

Honora had plenty of advice for the freshmen. "Get involved on campus! Make friends...you need them! Pay attention to your grades...put in the work! Get to know your professors...they really do care about you!"

When asked how the Garinger Education Foundation scholarship helped them, they were all forever grateful for the financial aid. Yet over and above the money, they agreed that the best thing has been the continued support from Board Member, Jane Suitt. "She has always been there, making me feel like I am part of the Garinger Family," said Honora.

The girls were overcome with gratitude to our donors. They want them to know that they are so grateful for the donors "believing in them and making it so others really believe they can go to college, too." They are all proud to be Garinger High School graduates and want to continue to make their Garinger family proud. Once they finish their college education, all three girls can't wait to give back to Garinger.