



**Message from Michael Ford, Chair
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This inaugural newsletter is written to provide an update about the Dallaire Scholars you have supported over the past thirteen years. With your continued support, our mission of combating genocide in Rwanda and worldwide moves forward through the lives and efforts of these students who come to Lewis & Clark to study in our Academic English Studies program for an academic year, live and work on campus, engage in internships off campus, teach our community about Rwanda, and then continue their varied efforts to engage their communities regarding human rights in Rwanda upon their return home.

Lewis & Clark's Roméo Dallaire Scholarship honors the work and vision of **Roméo Dallaire**, former commander of the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission to Rwanda, Canadian Army Lieutenant-General (ret.), Senator, world citizen, and humanitarian.



The Roméo Dallaire Scholarship allows recipients to enroll in the Academic English Studies program at Lewis & Clark College for one academic year. While studying English and living with other students from throughout the United States and around the world, scholarship recipients experience first-hand the history and habits of diverse cultures even as they share with others their own traditions, customs, insights and beliefs.

The Dallaire Scholarship continues to advance the principle that has guided Lewis & Clark College's innovative programs in international education for more than 50 years: global understanding is rooted in relationships, and relationships are built day by day and person to person.



General Dallaire initially spoke on campus in November 2004 and returned to the College as Commencement Speaker in 2013 at which he was awarded an honorary degree (photo opposite). He joined the seniors and families for the Senior Banquet downtown, where the two of us shared wonderful stories about our Dallaire Scholars at this celebratory gathering (photo above).

Our volunteer Dallaire Scholarship Committee – current and emeriti faculty and retired staff, current students, and community members – support this ongoing Scholarship in a variety of ways throughout

the year not only through fund-raising, but also with assistance to each Scholar annually in a host of ways.

Those of you receiving this electronic letter via listserv have shown interest in these Rwandan students supported through the Dallaire Scholarship since 2005. We invite you to learn more about both current and former Scholars and our ongoing programs both on campus and beyond through this periodic newsletter and at the [Dallaire Scholarship website](#).

We are now in the planning process for our next event, the 25th Rwandan Genocide Commemoration, that will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2019.

Details and email invitation will follow in March.

Lewis & Clark's 13th Dallaire Scholar 2018-19



FABRICE SIBOMANA earned his Bachelor's degree in journalism and communication from the National University in Rwanda, along the way focusing his efforts on human rights outreach, using the tools of the trade he was

studying as an undergraduate, making notable initiatives through media. While an undergraduate, he interned at ISANGO STAR radio, and his supervisor, Alphonse Muhire Manana says this about Fabrice:

“When we were both working at Radio Salus, he took many initiatives in producing magazines and programs related to human rights. Every time there was an incident of human right violation in the region, he was among the first media people to be at the place and to cover the news.”

As a human rights activist, his former colleague, Jean Pierre Sangwa of another radio station, added this:

“He is not simply a journalist; he is a human rights activist. He wants equal rights for everybody, mutual respect and understanding. He hates prejudices, stereotypes and unfair judgments. He wants the general development of this country, and for him the foundation for such development is respect for civil human rights and accountability. Responsible authorities and responsible citizens.”

Fabrice adds this: “As a journalist, I have written for *Family Magazine*, focusing on family conflict, gender issues, and the promotion of the rights of women and children. For a number of years, I have also hosted an entertainment show on the National Radio, youth branch – 90.7 Magic FM. With these two tools of the media, I am able to contribute to my society by bringing root causes of the conflicts to the surface so that policy makers formulate solutions.”

While improving his English speaking and writing skills, Fabrice lives in Akin Hall and is a student employee at Bon Appetit.

Along with two other undergraduate students, Fabrice has received full funding from SAAB to go to Washington in April for the *Kwibuka* at the [Rwandan Embassy](#). Congratulations to **EDDYNE UKUNZE** 12th Dallaire Scholar, 2017-18, and her husband, Hodari, who celebrated their civil marriage ceremony in December 2018 and held a family celebration in January 2019.



Born in the Congo where her family had fled ethnic conflict in her home country of Rwanda, Eddyne returned to Rwanda at the age of 7, attended schools in the capital city of Kigali, graduated from secondary school, then, as a teenager herself, started a non-profit called *Angels Heart* with several of the younger genocide survivors who she had “adopted”, essentially become a surrogate mom to younger girls and boys while she was still a teenager herself. Over a four-year period, Eddyne earned her Bachelor’s degree in Clinical Psychology

from the National University in Rwanda, along the way focusing her efforts on outreach and mental health counseling to youth genocide survivors as well as children at risk of losing parental care both in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

As a human rights activist, talented trainer of others in mental health therapies, and an advocate for young people at risk, Eddyne worked with several non-profits in Rwanda and the Congo during her four years at National University, contributing substantially to the missions of each.

These included *SOS Children Villages Rwanda*, *Duhumurizanye Iwacu-Rwanda* (local), *These Numbers Have Faces* (in Rwanda), *Restoring Bridges Initiative* (in Congo), *Gratia Counseling Center* (in Congo).

At the end of her successful year in the Academic English Studies program and interning locally in Portland, assisting children who experienced trauma in their homes, Eddyne joined Dallaire Scholarship Committee members, international students, and others at the home of Rich Peck, professor emeritus, International Affairs, for a wonderful reception and send-off in May 2018 (photo below).



EMMANUEL HABIMANA - 2012-13



EMMANUEL HABIMANA was only 9 during the 1994 Rwandan genocide. While on campus as our 7th Dallaire Scholar, 2012-13, he shared his powerful story of survival in a film screening he premiered at Lewis & Clark in January 2013 entitled: ***Komora: to heal***, a documentary co-directed by Emmanuel and Natalia Ledford and sponsored by National Geographic.

In the film, we followed Emmanuel on his search for truth (after having witnessed his father's death, he is filmed learning for the first time exactly how other members of his family were killed) and for a way to determine if he can forgive.

Major social and psychological issues are brought forth and the history of this genocide is reviewed via Emmanuel's voyage and challenges. Although the film began as ***The Children Who Lived***, it evolved into Emmanuel's journey with a new title.

Emmanuel is an articulate, insightful and dedicated ambassador of Rwanda. He is involved in all issues related to genocide, survival, discrimination, forgiveness and reconciliation. He remains committed to a vision of the world filled with peace, hope and reconciliation.

This recent update from Emmanuel...

"I'm a student from Rwanda currently studying at The Los Angeles Film School. Three years ago I was fortunate enough to be awarded a full scholarship from both The Los Angeles Film School and the ELS Education center.

For the past three years, I learned every single aspect of filmmaking and now, as I'm arriving at the end of my program, I have to produce my own thesis film. I've always believed that the art of visual storytelling is a powerful weapon, and it can help spread a positive message to so many, and act as the voice of voiceless.

Name of The Project and Synopsis:

The Grass is Greener, a story written and directed by Emmanuel Habimana.

The ***Grass is Greener*** is about a young woman named "Lily" who grew up in a small town with her mother, who was a singer and wanted her baby girl to carry out the family legacy. After Lily's mother dies from cancer, Lily decides to leave her hometown for the big city to follow her dream of becoming a star.

After a while, though, she realizes her life is going in a bad direction, and that she is failing her mother. Lily decides to return to her hometown, where she becomes a big hit and realizes that everything she needed was right in front of her the whole time. "

Want to help Emmanuel fund his film? Pitch in at his [GoFundMe site](#).

More to follow in upcoming newsletters about our other Dallaire Scholars...

Sister Scholarships at Texas Christian University and the University of Delaware

[The Carl & Teresa Wilkens Award at Texas Christian University](#)

The Carl & Teresa Wilkens Award was started in 2012 after educators from Rwanda approached Texas Christian University (TCU) about their nation's intention to adopt English officially as the language of instruction.

That same year TCU was invited by Lewis & Clark College to join in our work through the Roméo Dallaire Scholarship fund, "combating genocide in Rwanda and worldwide."

The Dallaire Scholarship Committee is pleased to work with TCU, sharing with them our Scholar applicant pool, as TCU offers two English Language scholarships to residents of Rwanda each year.

In Fall, 2019 the intensive English program of the University of Delaware will join us in offering a scholarship for English language study to human rights activists from Rwanda.

"The Award is named in honor of Carl Wilkens and Teresa Wilkens, a couple whose bravery during the genocide in Rwanda saved hundreds of lives of individuals who are now remaking Rwanda into a rather remarkable place on our planet."

Rwandan Flag



Carl Wilkens, Michael Graham '05, and Lt. General Romeo Dallaire, November 2004, when Dallaire and Wilkens both first spoke at Lewis & Clark College, at the invitation of students, including Michael Graham.

As a humanitarian aid worker, Carl Wilkens moved his young family to Rwanda in the spring of 1990. When the genocide was launched in April 1994, Carl refused to leave, even when urged to do so by close friends, his church and the United States government. Thousands of expatriates evacuated and the United Nations pulled out most of its troops. Carl was the only American to remain in the country.

Venturing out each day into streets crackling with mortars and gunfire, he worked his way through roadblocks of angry, bloodstained soldiers and civilians armed with machetes and assault rifles in order to bring food, water and medicine to groups of orphans trapped around the city. Working with Rwandan colleagues, they helped saved the lives of hundreds.

He and his wife, Teresa, started a non-profit named [World Outside My Shoes](#).

Lewis & Clark College Alumni Association honors Joann Geddes with Donald G. Balmer Alumni Citation March 9, 2019

This award honors an alumnus/a, faculty or staff member, or friend of Lewis & Clark for outstanding voluntary service to the college. Originally called the “Alumni Citation”, this award was renamed in 1991 to recognize Don Balmer’s selfless support of the college and to encourage others to follow his example.

Joann’s first invitation to teach at Lewis & Clark College came from the M.A.T. program in the late 1970s. During three summers, she taught for them and for the Institute for the Study of American Language & Culture (ISALC). She joined the faculty of the ISALC, currently called Academic English Studies (AES) in 1981, and held the position of Director from 1985 until her retirement in 2016.

During her tenure at Lewis & Clark, Joann lead seven overseas programs in Costa Rica, the Soviet Union, Argentina, Kenya & Tanzania, Australia, Vietnam, and Morocco. She also served as Director of Summer Sessions in 1992.

Joann is proud to have taken part, along with my dedicated colleagues, in building very strong intensive English programs that have prepared international students for future study in the U.S. and brought global perspectives and diversity to Lewis & Clark.

This gave us the opportunity to establish the Dallaire Scholarship in 2004. She joined with extraordinarily generous students, faculty, staff, neighbors, family, and alumni in making this goal a reality.

In 2013, Joann was honored to receive the Multicultural Impact Award for Faculty and

to have been nominated by Senior Matthew Rugamba of Rwanda.

Currently, she serves as a volunteer on the Lewis & Clark Dallaire Scholarship Committee, the Fulbright Scholarship Screening Committee, as an advisor to the students organizing the Middle East and North African Studies Symposium, and as College liaison to the Lake Oswego Library for its “community reads” program.



Countless students and alumni consider Joann’s commitment to their education and to them as individuals a true gift. She remains connected to many of them as a true mark of lasting friendship and respect.

If you would like to join in celebrating Joann and others at the Alumni Honors Banquet, [please register online here](#).

Congratulations, Joann, from all of us!

Dallaire Scholarship Committee members: current faculty and staff Alexis Olson, Laura Shier, Susan Wynne (Academic English Studies); Mark Duntley (Spiritual Life); Stephen LeBoutillier (Annual Giving); Cecelia Benenati, Instructor of Spanish; Isabelle DeMarte, Associate Professor of French; Katharine Lawrence (community volunteer); emeriti faculty members Greg Fredricks, Rich Peck, and Dell Smith; and current students Liza Clairagneau, Ocean Eale, and Portia Uwaze.