KASF National Board Chairman's Letter

2018 represents another successful year for KASF as we awarded a total of $450,000 to 240 students. We continue to build on the vision established nearly 50 years ago and continue to mature as an organization. As KASF is volunteer-led, we are facing many challenges but those challenges are overcome by the passion of our tireless board members, volunteers, sponsors, and donors.

In recent years, our collective fundraising efforts are beginning to pay off. In 2017, we raised $200,000 and so far this year, we have raised $225,000 in new Chair Scholarships. In addition, we recently received a pledge of $500,000 gift from a major donor. This is the single largest gift we received in our history and we are hopeful that this will lead to other large donations to help increase the impact of our work. In addition to the financial help, this donor has also agreed to help raise our profile with corporate America, with other Korean American philanthropic communities and help our students through a mentoring program.

Although our success is often measured by how much we raise and how much we award in scholarships, the real measure for our success is how we are able to positively impact those we award. This year, I am happy to report that we are starting to see the evidence of our hard work pay off as some of our past recipients have donated scholarship funds and some have actively volunteered their talents through fundraising events.

Our scholarship banquet is a special occasion to celebrate all the hard work of our recipients and also the tireless work of our board members and volunteers. To all, on behalf of our national board, I would like to express our sincere "thank you" and "congratulations". I would also like to thank President John Yi and all officers and board members for another successful year and I hope for your continued success.

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

Leonard Kim

Chair, KASF National Board

Congratulatory Letter

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September 29, 2018

Greetings,

As Mayor of the City of Houston, I welcome all attending the **Korean American Scholarship Foundation's** (**KASF**) **7th Annual Awards Banquet**.

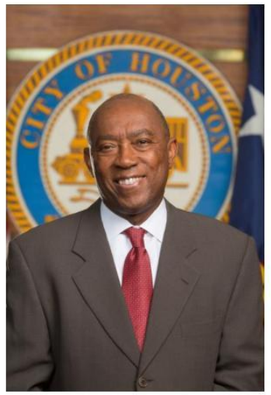
Founded in 1969 in Washington, D.C., **KASF** is a nonprofit, volunteer-managed organization established to help meet the financial needs of Korean-American students seeking higher education. Since its founding, the organization has grown to over 100 members nationwide. The southwestern regional chapter was formed in Houston in 2012 with 15 members. **KASF** strives to impact the Houston community through supporting students' needs or students with high academic achievement. To date, the South West Regional Chapter has awarded $226,000 scholarships to 132 students and plans to award $30,000 to 15 deserving students this year.

I commend the **Korean American Scholarship Foundation** for its dedication to our Korean-American students' education and congratulate all scholarship recipients.

Best wishes for a rewarding event.

Sincerely,

Sylvester Turner
Mayor



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Ji You Park
Law - Doctorate
UT School of Law

American author and philosopher Henry David Thoreau once said, “It is never too late to give up your prejudices.”

After years of doodling my favorite cartoon characters and imitating Bob Ross's PBS tutorials, I finally found myself in a real art class in fifth grade. At our first session, Miss Oh presented us with a Fuji apple, of which we were to render a still life watercolor painting. Equipped with my mental repertoire of illustrated apples, television lessons on shading three-dimensional objects, and tactile memories of the countless Fujis I had consumed throughout my lifetime, I felt prepared to execute the task successfully and eagerly began sweeping my brush in circular strokes across the grooved paper. Half an hour of painting, blotting, and re-painting later, my perfectly-shaded, spherical masterpiece smiled back at me.

Noticing my beaming face, Miss Oh glanced at my work and shrewdly directed my attention toward the subject matter, which rested on a table two feet away. Instead of offering any compliments or technical advice, she began pointing out her observations of the object. It was lopsided and lumpy, with streaks of bright yellow-green and splatters of muddy brown cascading from the top. A ray of mid-afternoon sunlight from a nearby window bounced off of each bump on the upper hemisphere, while an almost-black shadow merged the curved base of the apple with the planar surface of the desk on which it sat. As I re-examined the figure, I wondered how
I had not noticed these characteristics earlier. Looking down at the contrived highlights and shadows on my painting, it dawned on me that my creation was a combination of the various qualities of picturesque apples I had encountered before; however, it was not an accurate depiction of the item which rested steps away from me. “Forget that it is an apple,” Miss Oh finally suggested, “paint what you see.”

Her advice, while simple, became the key to mastering the fundamental skill of still life painting. In order to accurately portray a specific subject matter, impartial observation and judgment were critical, and in order to observe without bias, I learned to suspend my preconceptions and classifications of the object at hand. As I advanced to more rigorous art classes in high school and college, this takeaway became increasingly important and testing as we were tasked with rendering, not inanimate objects, but rather our own bodies and faces. Self-portraits, we learned, would not reflect an accurate image of ourselves — and would instead reveal our hidden insecurities and deepest desires — unless executed with honesty and objectivism.

While this mindset initially served as a guide in my artistic endeavors, over the years, it proved to become a valuable principle in other contexts, as well. During my time working as a forensic accountant, fraud investigations involving high-profile clients and circumstances under pressure often lent themselves to premature conclusions and finger-pointing at potential suspects early on in the investigation process by the client's managerial team—and sometimes even by my colleagues. While I frequently found it difficult to tune out these presumptions made by my seniors, the lesson I learned from my art classes reminded me that my duties as an independent investigator were not to be influenced by such opinions. Rather, in order to uncover the truest narrative of what had actually occurred, a focused analysis of the facts available through the client's general ledger and financial statements was essential.

Some of the greatest challenges our world faces today are often provoked by these same biases. A generation inundated with social media sites and instant access to global communication makes us impressionable to a range of extreme and flamboyant, but oftentimes demagogic and emotionally appealing, content and opinions. As a result, many of my discussions with friends, classmates, and coworkers often reveal strong unconfirmed notions about politics, race, and other topics which require more careful individual consideration and appraisal. At times like these, I think back to Thoreau's quote and realize that it has become especially important to keep an open mind and possess a heightened awareness of prejudices which could skew my sense of reality. In law school, I will undoubtedly join a diverse body of students and become exposed to a wider range of ideas and beliefs than I am used to. I hope that the practical lesson I learned through my artistic studies will continue to guide me in challenging my ideologies in this new environment and allow me to broaden my perspectives as a prospective lawyer.

Congratulatory Remarks

Kim Hyung Gil
Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Houston

Dear honorable guests, scholarship recipients, and the members of Korean American Scholarship Foundation (KASF):

It gives me a great pleasure to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of our excellent students at the 2018 Scholarship Award Banquet. CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done!

I would also like to extend my gratitude for the generous contribution donors and patrons have made to the Foundation. Their support is an investment in the education of these outstanding students and makes it possible for them to focus on their researches, academic studies, and creative activities to enrich our society.

Today is the culmination of all the hard work and dedication that brought these young men and women here today. But it is not the end, it is a beginning of their growth.

Through their hard work and determination, they have proven to be students that KASF wants to recognize and encourage to continue their educational effort. It is gratifying and exciting to know they are well prepared for their journey ahead.

Once again, I'd like to give my sincere congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients. The scholarships awarded today will inevitably make a lasting impact in their lives. I hope someday, they may be able to pay it forward as well.

David Shin
Chairman, KAACCH

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2018 Scholarship Awards Banquet, hosted by the Korean American Scholarship Foundation Southwestern Regional Chapter.

This is a proud day for this year's scholarship recipients, and for the hard work and dedication to excellence, that have earned them this award. They represent the promising future that lies ahead for our Korean American community. It is my pleasure to join, in congratulating them and their proud parents.

As a past recipient of this award from the Canadian chapter, I have realized that this gift can be instrumental in opening new opportunities, not yet discovered. It also instilled in me, a desire and the responsibility, to give back to the community that generously invested in me

I commend the KASF SWRC for offering this wonderful opportunity to deserving young people. Special thanks are also due to the donors for their generous contributions to this important cause. This wise investment in our youth will pay tremendous dividends in the years to come.

On behalf of the Korean American Association and Community Center of Houston (KAACCH), 1 offer you my best wishes for a memorable celebration and for every success as you continue on with your journey.

Sincerely,

David Shin
KAACCH

Program of Ceremony

National Anthems …….. Lead by Dr. Hanna Lee
Korean and American National Anthem

Welcome Remarks ……..…….. John Yi
KASF SWRC Interim President

Congratulatory Remarks …….. Mr. Jae-Hui Kim
Vice Consul General of Republic of Korea in Houston

Congratulatory Remarks ……..…… Ms. Ann Dorn
Vice President of Korean American Association and Community Center of Houston

Keynote Speech ……..…… Mr. Alex Kim
Criminal defense lawyer
Candidate for Judge of the 323rd District Court

Special Performances ……....…… Dr. Hanna Lee, Soprano

1. 아름다운 나라
2. 지금 이순간

Scholarship Awards ……..…… Dr. Alex Lee
KASF SWRC Scholarship Chair

Recipient's Appreciation ……..…….....Mr. Alex Lee, Austin College

Closing Remarks ……..……..… John Yi
KASF SWRC Interim President

Chair and Designated Scholarships

Name of scholarship	No. of recipients	Description	Donor
Chair Scholarship	1	Given to an applicant with the highest overall score	Jonathan Yi Memorial Scholarship
Rev. Stephen Sungbo Kang Memorial Scholarship	1	Given to an outstanding student attending a Theological Seminary	Sungsu John Kang
Special Needs Scholarship	2	Given to outstanding students with physical challenges, financial challenges or who demonstrated commitment in assisting those with physical challenges	Seoul Baptist Church of Houston
Evergreen G2G Scholarship	3	Given to outstanding students from Central Texas who demonstrated their Christian faith in serving others	Evergreen Church of Austin
Missionary Scholarship	2	Given to outstanding students whose parents made personal or financial sacrifice to serve the Lord	Sean Kim, DDS, MD
KOEA Scholarship	1	Given to an outstanding student pursuing studies in Science and Engineering related to Ocean or Oil and Gas industries	KOEA - Korean-American Oil & Gas Engineers Association
Future Care Scholarship	1	Given to outstanding student currently enrolled in health education, nursing, medicine or public health	Chee Won Oh, MD, PhD
United World Scholarship	1	Given to an outstanding student pursuing engineering or science related field	Alex Lee, PhD
Jeong Seo Kang Memorial Scholarship	1	Given to an outstanding college student with financial needs	Scott Kang, DO
Next Generation Leader Scholarship	1	Given to an outstanding college student with financial needs	Jihye Kim Hanson, PhD & Michael Hanson
Star Time Scholarship	2	Given to an outstanding college student with financial needs	Deacon Chang Suk Oh & Mrs. Sung Ae Oh
General Scholarship	1	Given to outstanding students in Southwestern region	Generous contributions to the KASF general scholarship fund

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Scholarship Recipients

Evergreen G2G Scholarship

Hyoel Lee,
Baylor University
Biochemistry

Youna Song,
Austin College
Mathematics

Haneul Chon,
Southern Methodist University
B.A. in Religious Studies

Chair Scholarship

Cana Kim,
Louisiana State University
Political Science

Future Care Scholarship

Jeein Yoon,
University of Oklahoma
College of Medicine

Jeong Seo Kang Memorial Scholarship

Katherine Propper,
University of Texas at Austin
Film Production

KOEA Scholarship

Hea Keoun Jeon,
Texas A&M University
Chemical Engineering

Missionary Scholarship

Kyunghwan Oh,
Southwestern Baptist
Theological Seminary
Foundations of Education

Next Generation Leader

Soo Hyun Choi,
Tulane University
Premedical Studies

General Scholarship

Sangheon Han,
Rice University
Bioengineering

Ji You Park,
The University of Texas
School of Law

Welcome Remarks

John Yi
Interim President KASF SWRC

Tonight marks the 7th anniversary of the Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet, the premier event for the Korean American Scholarship Foundation (KASF) Southwestern Regional Chapter (SWRC). We are gathered tonight to celebrate the achievements of seventeen exemplary students who have demonstrated high standards of scholarship, leadership, character and citizenship. Through their outstanding achievements and dedication to civic service, these students embody the mission that the KASF has been working to uphold for nearly fifty years.

2018 has been another special year for our Southwestern Regional Chapter family with the generous support from our donors, sponsors, volunteers and directors. As a volunteer organization, we cannot do the work that we do without your continued support and dedication and I would like to express my sincere gratitude and deep appreciation to all of you.

I am pleased to announce this year's newly added designated scholarships to Southwestern Regional Chapter - Rev. Stephen Sungbo Kang Memorial Scholarship, Next Generation Leader Scholarship and Star Time Scholarship. These new designated scholarships are granted from funds for which donors have outlined very specific eligibility criteria, such as academics, degree program, Christian character and more.

In addition to donations made through designated scholarships, we are able to continue supporting our students largely thanks to the generous contributions to our general scholarship fund. We cannot thank these donors enough for making a difference for our students in pursuit of academic and personal achievement.

As we celebrate another year of accomplishments, I would like to thank and recognize our incredible team of directors and volunteers for their dedication and sacrifice. Without them, the ability to give scholarships to deserving students would not have been possible.

Sincerely,

John Yi
Interim President
KASF SWRC

Congratulatory Letter

JOHN CORNYN
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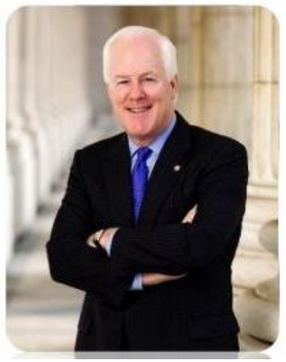
United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510



September 29, 2018

Korean American Scholarship Foundation Southwestern Regional Chapter
Seventh Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet

Dear Friends:

I was pleased to learn the Southwestern Regional Chapter of the Korean American Scholarship Foundation is celebrating its seventh annual Scholarship Awards Banquet.

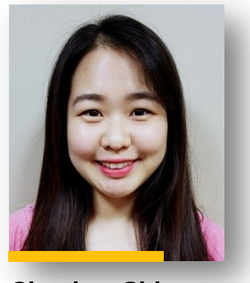
This is an accomplishment of which you can be very proud. The support you provide students allows them to earn an education and realize their potential. Your efforts continue to serve as an example for the state of Texas, and I encourage you to continue pursuing excellence in the years to come.

Sincerely,

JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator

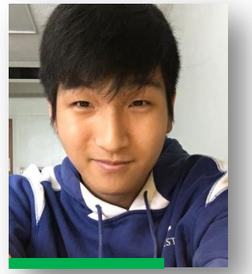
Scholarship Recipients

Rev. Stephen Sungbo Kang Memorial Scholarship



Chanhee Shin,
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Master of Theological Studies

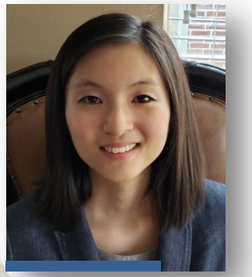
United World Scholarship



Alex Lee,
Austin College
Biochemistry

Special Needs

Edwin Chon,
University of Texas at Austin
Biochemistry



Adelaide Kwon,
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Doctor of Medicine

Star Time Scholarship

Seokyoung Kang,
University of Texas at Austin
Nursing

Sanghun Lee,
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Preaching

Keynote Speaker

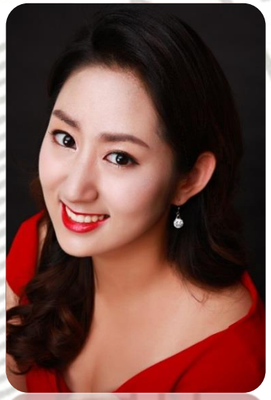
Alex Kim
Criminal defense lawyer
Candidate for Judge of the 323rd District Court

Alex Kim graduated from Memorial High School in Houston and received his law degree from Texas A&M University School of Law in 2006.

He has handled countless number of cases, ranging from minor offences like DWI to the most serious such as Capital Murder. He has handled several high-profile cases and has also been a legal analyst for Fox, ABC, NBC, and CBS in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

In 2016, Alex was an Electoral College voter. In 2018, He was nominated by the Republican Party for Judge of the 323rd District Court in Tarrant County.

Musical Performer

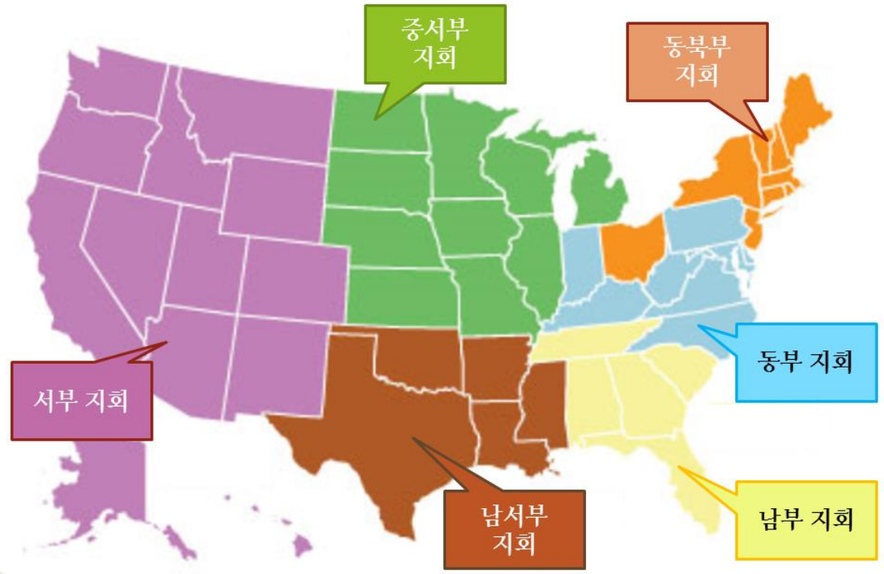


Hanna Lee, *Soprano*

Dr. Hanna Lee, Soprano, is a native of Korea. She has recently earned her doctoral degree at the University of Texas at Austin as the recipient of the Willa Stewart Setseck Scholarship. In the summer of 2017, she made her role debut as Adele in Die Fledermaus with Festival de Opera San Luis Potosí, Mexico.

Dr. Lee was a prize winner in 2018 Houston Saengerbund: A German Vocal Competition and won a silver medal in 2017 Young Texas Artists Music Competition. In 2016, she was awarded 3rd place at Mid-Texas Symphony Young Artist Competition. Recent engagements for the young Ms. Hanna include her being a Vocal Fellow in Music Academy of the West 2018.

Nationwide KASF and Chair Scholarship



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About KASF and SWRC

Goals

The Korean American Scholarship Foundation is established 1) to assist Korean American students in pursuit of their academic and personal achievement, 2) to encourage their community and civic service as an integral part of their leadership development, and 3) to nurture a sense of pride and confidence in Korean cultural heritage and tradition.

Background

Founded in 1969 by a small group of Korean American community leaders in Washington, D.C., the KASF began as a local organization with limited focus and funding sources. However, with the dramatic growth of the Korean immigrant community in the U.S., the KASF has expanded to other regions to broaden its funding base and now has six regional chapters. Since the inception the KASF has been able to build an endowment fund of over $3.9 million, through the generous support of both Korean and American corporations as well as individuals. To date, the KASF has provided more than $5 million dollars to over 5,000 students nationwide.

KASF Southwestern Regional Chapter

In 2012, the SWRC was inaugurated in Houston as the 6th regional chapter for KASF and covers 5 states-Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Oklahoma. The SWRC has experienced tremendous growth over the past 6 years. To date, the SWRC has awarded $226,000 in scholarships to 132 students through the generous support of individuals as well as Korean and American companies. This year, the KASF SWRC awards $34,000 in scholarships to 17 students.

Scholarships

CHAIR SCHOLARSHIPS are established through a one-time donation of $25,000 or more by individuals or corporations. KASF will pay $1,000 in perpetuity in the name of a given Chair Scholarship.

DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIPS are established by contributions of $2,000 or more and awarded each year of contribution.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS are funded by KASF fundraising activities.

HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD High School students are eligible to apply for this Award. Selection is based on outstanding achievements in music, arts, sports, community and social services, and leadership. Each receives $500.

2018 Honor Roll of Donors

Chair Scholarships

Jonathan Yi Memorial Scholarship
Rev. Stephen Sungbo Kang Memorial Scholarship

Designated Scholarships

Alex Lee, Chang Suk Oh, Chee Won Oh, Evergreen Church of Austin, Hoggie Kim, Hyon Scott Kang, Jaesoon Woo Hite, James Ro, Jay Kim, Jihye Kim, John Yi, Korean-American Oil & Gas Engineers Association (KOEA), Namil Steve Kim, Sean Kim, Seoul Baptist Church of Houston, Korean Blooming Cosmetics

General Scholarship

Andrew Lee, Anonymous donors, Brian Park, Bruce Park, CAP America, Inc, Chee Won Oh, Chris Choi, Daniel Baek, David Kim, David Shin, Doo Hyung Chung, Eugene Sohn, Ho K. Kim, Hye R. Lee, Hyongdo Kim, In Sup Choi, Jae Sang Yoo, Jae Woong Um, Jaeho Hur, Jaeyoung Lee, Jay Woo Nahm, Jin Sung Chung, Josh Liew, Kristopher Ahn, Kwanghyun Kim, Lena Park, Minbo Park, Moonsun Choi, Myung Mo Kim, Sang Eun Kim, Sangsoo Ryu, Seungcheol Lee, Soon H. Yi, Soon-Hee Kwon, Tae J. Kown, Won Ho Lee

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