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Southern Regional Chapter

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Scholarship Awards Ceremony

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SRC President's Message

Welcome and congratulation on your scholarship award! As the president of the Southern Regional of the Korean American Scholarship Foundation (KASF), I am proud and excited to welcome you to the scholarship award ceremony.

KASF has been at hard work fulfilling its mission of providing scholarships to outstanding students – granting over $11M of financial aid to nearly 7,000 scholars across the United States over the past 50 years. Its endowment has reached $5 million, and it continues to grow. Our commitment is to the community and your success.

Most of all, I would like to thank our generous scholarship donors. This year, Kia America donated $50,000 to the Southern Regional Chapter and $300,000 across the country for the needs-based Korean American students. I would like to thank Kia America for its donation and long-term commitment. Donations from wildly respectful, generous, and big-hearted people, business owners, and companies make us keep doing what we are doing. Our donors are the fuel to our organization, and I could not be more grateful than I am for you now. Truly, thank you.

My father was very sick when I was a doctoral student in 2001. I plan to pursue a career in Public Health with the long-term goal of becoming a health scientist assisting people in vulnerable and underrepresented areas. Thanks to the scholarship from anonymous donors during my study, I could graduate and achieve my goal. I hoped one day that I would also be able to help struggling students reach their goals in higher education by assisting them in the same way they were helping me.

I extend my heartiest congratulations to students for accomplishing the KASF scholarship. I hope this scholarship opens the doors of opportunities for your bright future. Winning a scholarship is a happy and pleasant moment for you and your family and friends. If you are the first in your family to go to college, do not underestimate the power of the example you set for those around you! Your perseverance, hard work, practice, and talent have resulted in high notes of success, and you truly deserve this scholarship. Let us know your goals and share us your story.

Again, I want to extend a big congratulation on behalf of all Southern regional chapter board members, scholarship donors, volunteers, and national board staff. We look forward to hearing about your success and being part of your journey.

Mikyong Hahm
President, KASF Southern Regional Chapter

Chairman's Message

On behalf of the National Board of Directors of the Korean American Scholarship Foundation (KASF), it is my great pleasure and honor to welcome you to 2022's Annual Scholarship Award Ceremony. First and foremost, I would like to especially congratulate all of the scholarship recipients for their outstanding academic achievements, as well as their strong and inspiring displays of community and civic service.

Across seven regions this year, we witnessed another strong pool of applicants applying for KASF scholarships. We are excited to report that KASF is awarding a record scholarship amount this year - $756,000 to 390 students, which is about $150,000 more and 80 more students in comparison to last year. We are truly grateful to have the opportunity to contribute to these students' educations, for they represent the promise of the future Korean American community.

This year's accomplishments would not have been possible without dedicated staff and volunteers who have selflessly dedicated their time and resources in serving the organization. Moreover, I would like to thank our many sponsors and donors, including individuals, small businesses, churches, other non-profit organizations, and multinational corporations, for their continued generosity. All of their contributions, regardless of the amount, make a significant impact on fulfilling our mission.

At this time, I would like to especially acknowledge KIA America, who made a commitment to partner with KASF in helping students in need by creating joint KIA-KASF scholarships for 135 college-level students this year. On behalf of the entire KASF organization, I would like to express my incredible gratitude for their generous donation. I hope that this partnership will continue to grow in coming years and can also be used as a stepping stone into forming additional corporate partnerships.

As another generation of Korean Americans enters into society, we are witnessing a transformation of our community. As Korean Americans, our focus is continually shifting from inward self to outward community, from receiving to giving. As a growing number of Korean Americans are achieving their American dreams, their interest and pursuit in philanthropy reaches new heights. It is our goal to make KASF a true model non-profit organization that the rest of the Korean American community can give to and trust. Striving for this means that KASF operations must be rooted in unwavering principles and the core mission statement of the foundation. Through my many years of serving KASF, I am confident in the potential of the organization and believe that we are in the process of achieving these goals. In this time of growth and celebration, I ask for your continued support and effort to make KASF an outstanding pillar of the community for the future.

Once again, I hope you will join me in congratulating this year's scholarship winners.

Sincerely,

Sang Kim
Chairman, KASF National Board

Keynote Speaker

Albert Jun, MD, PhD, is the Walter J. Stark, MD, Professor of Ophthalmology and chief of the Division of Cornea, Cataract and External Eye Diseases at the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Jun received his bachelor's degree from Harvard University, and he received his MD and his PhD degrees from Emory University. He completed his residency in ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Thereafter, he completed a Cornea and External Disease Fellowship and a Corneal Gene Therapy Research Fellowship at the world renowned Moorfields Eye Hospital in London, England.

Dr. Jun is widely recognized in the US and internationally as a leading eye surgeon, researcher, inventor, and medical educator. He has operated on high ranking members of the US government and foreign leaders, obtained research grants from the US National Institutes of Health and other major organizations, received numerous patents, developed multiple surgical instruments and devices, and trained nearly 200 ophthalmology residents and fellows.

I am very pleased and honored to be the keynote speaker for tonight's ceremony, and I am grateful to the organizing committee for granting me the opportunity to participate. As befits the occasion, I'd like to extend my heartfelt congratulations, first, to the scholarship recipients. You have worked hard for years, spending countless hours in pursuit of knowledge. These efforts and accomplishments make you most worthy of our recognition tonight. And of course, most if not all of the recipients have benefitted from the constant support of parents and other caring individuals; relatives, teachers, mentors, and others. So to them, I also offer my sincere congratulations. My final offer of congratulations goes out to the organizers of this event, the KASF, and its members. As we all know, the KASF has grown over the past 50-plus years into a multi-million dollar nationwide organization supporting students of Korean descent as well as descendants of Korean war veterans. All of us in attendance should be very proud of this unique and important organization supporting our community.

I am confident that tonight's young scholarship recipients have a very optimistic view of their futures which is exactly how you should be. You are bright, hardworking, accomplished, and you are on your way to even greater success. But what do I mean by success? What I mean is your positive impact on the world. Each of you can have an impact on improving your workplace and your profession, and your social and physical surroundings. What will really help you to do this is to stay optimistic! which is my call to action for each you. This optimism will allow you to envision a better future and will provide you with the determination to accomplish it.

My final comments include some advice for your future. As has been observed by many, we live in contradictory times with tremendous ability to connect with others on-line, and yet so many feel profoundly disconnected. So, my first piece of advice is for you to establish and maintain real human community. Of course, most of you are already doing this to small and large degrees, so a more nuanced interpretation in our modern, internet filled existence, is to steadfastly prioritize these real communities, relationships, and experiences, over the virtual.

My second piece of advice is to teach and mentor others. One of my very insightful patients recently shared with me that teaching is the profession that allows all other professions to exist. You are all talented and motivated individuals, and in your workplaces, careers, and communities, there will often be opportunities to teach and mentor. And just as each of you has been touched and helped by a teacher or mentor, you will have a lasting positive impact on your immediate world and beyond by being the same to others.

My last piece of advice is to bring value to others before yourself. Many of us, as we climb the ladder of success, are focused on achieving our own goals. This is, of course, important in the day to day and the short term. But on a larger scale for me in my professional activities as an eye surgeon, my main goal is to help my patients see better. And this is what I mean by bringing value to others before yourself. My hope for each of you as you grow and develop your careers, whether as a teacher, musician, engineer, lawyer, doctor, business person, etc., and your personal lives, is that you will bring value to others before yourself. You will realize that doing so will also bring you all the personal or individual success you could hope for.

In closing, I would like to thank the KASF Southern Regional Chapter for the honor and privilege of speaking here today. I would also like once again to congratulate the honorees, their parents, and others close to them. For the scholarship recipients, my final words are: to be optimistic; to seek and prioritize real human community; to be a teacher or mentor, and to bring value to others before yourself. I wish you all the best, and all here tonight are excited at the prospects of your future endeavors and successes.

About KASF

MISSION

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

HISTORY

Founded in 1969 by a small group of concerned Korean American community leaders in Washington, D.C., KASF began as a local organization with limited focus and funding resources. However, with the dramatic growth of Korean immigrant communities in the U.S., the KASF has expanded to other regions to broaden its funding base. Since inception, the KASF has grown their endowment to about $5 million, through the generous support of both Korean and American corporations as well as individuals. Each year, KASF has been able to offer scholarship awards to an increasingly large number of students. To date, over 6,700 students have benefitted from KASF scholarships.

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

KASF is a nationwide organization with 7 regional chapters in the Washington DC metropolitan area, Chicago, Los Angeles, Atlanta, New York, Houston, and Denver. To better serve the fast growing number of Korean American students nationwide, KASF established a national board of directors with committee chairs and regional representatives. The committees are including investment, organization, scholarship, fundraising, and communication. In 2020, KASF newly established Honorary Directors as an advisory group.

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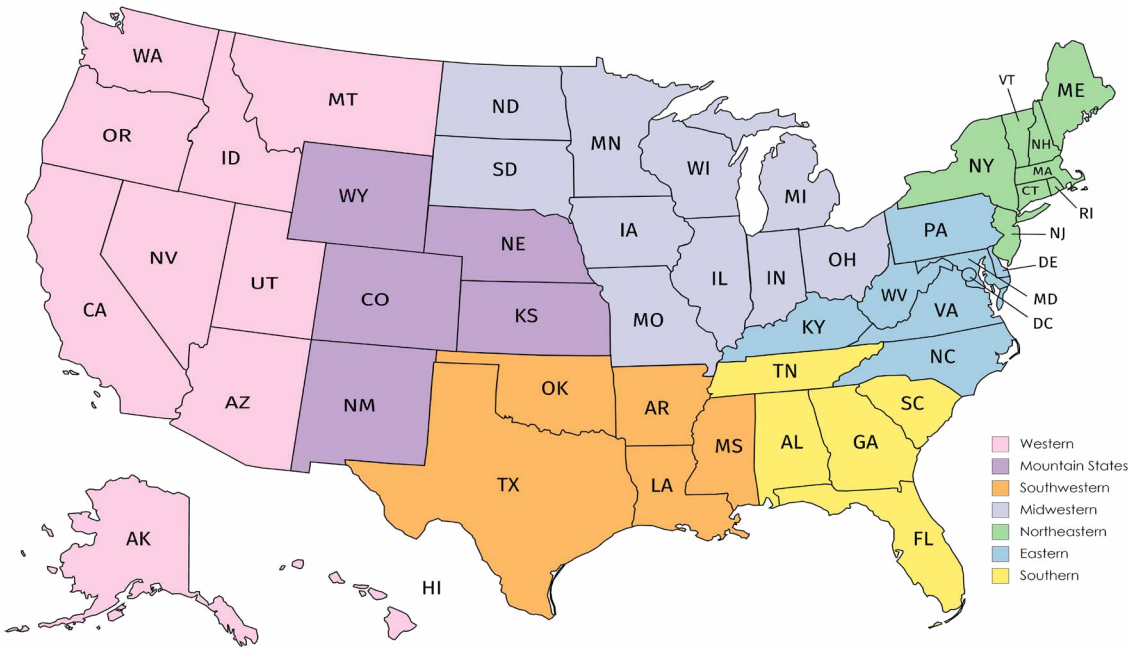

Types of Scholarships

CHAIR SCHOLARSHIPS

A one-time donation of $30,000 will establish a chair scholarship under your name (or any name you choose) and offer up to $1,000 to the winner of your chair scholarship each year in perpetuity. To date, we have received 260 chair scholarship donations and investment of these chair scholarships has resulted in over $5M in total endowment funds.

DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIPS

A contribution of $2,000 or more will create a designated scholarship in a category determined by the donor and awarded in the same year.

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

As a KASF supporter, a legacy donation is a way to commemorate one's life by making KASF a beneficiary of their will, life insurance policy, or estate plan. Rather than making an immediate cash donation, you can pledge a legacy gift in support of KASF scholarships and operations for the future.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

You can support the mission of KASF by contributing any amount. KASF will use your contribution to create additional scholarships and/or use it to help improve operational capabilities.

HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Some of KASF regional chapters offer this awards for high school students. Selection is based on outstanding achievements in music, arts, sports, community and social services, and leadership. Each receives $500.

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50 for 50 Campaign

In 2019, KASF launched "50 for 50" Campaign to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The goal of the campaign is to recruit 50 donors who will donate or pledge $50,000 or more. With this campaign, we will add at least $2.5 million to our endowment fund that will provide solid foundation and enhance organizational capacity for KASF's future operation.

One of the greatest strengths of KASF is the "passion" of our board of directors and donors. Here are our generous donors for the "50 for 50" campaign up to date.

(Alphabetical order by last name)

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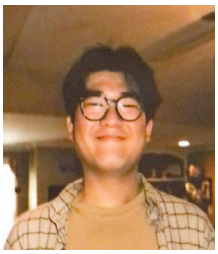
* Donors have already made their donations

2022 SRC Scholarship Recipients

College / Graduate



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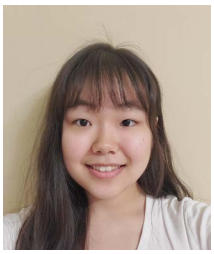

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Georgia State University

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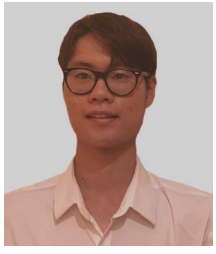

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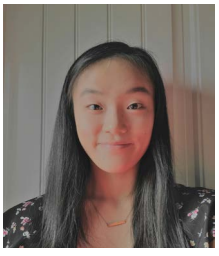

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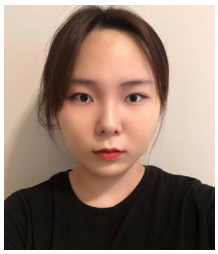

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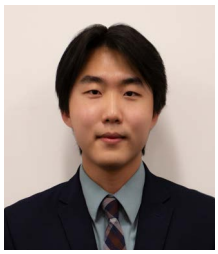

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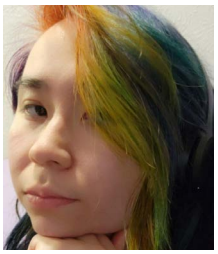

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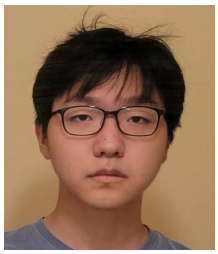

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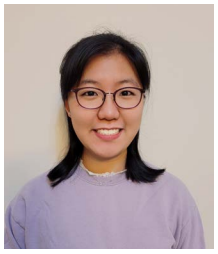

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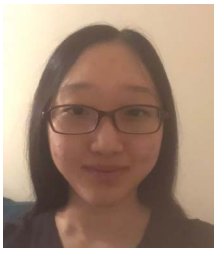

Hyeung Park
Troy University

Jisoo Park
Ringling College of Art and Design

Ju Eun Park
Georgia State University

Seungweon Park
Vanderbilt School of Medicine

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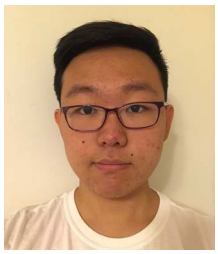
Skye Richardson
Georgia State University

Ikjoon Shin
University of Alabama

Deliyah Stephenson
University of Tenessee-Knoxville



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Jacob Yoo
Georgia Institute of Technology

Kaitlin Yoo
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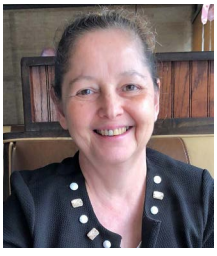

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High School

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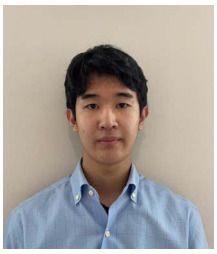
Northside High School

Jenna Jeon
James S. Rickards High School



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Dana Kim
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Mill Creek High School

Millou LaForte
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Christine Lee
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Scholarship Recipient Essay

Insung Kim
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The chatter overpowered the sizzling grill as my friends entered with arms full of foil-wrapped platters. We packed the kitchen to prepare an abundance of our respective signature dishes. With every step, I breathed in a new aroma and breathed out a content sigh. With all my being, I knew I was in the right place - celebrating Thanksgiving with my childhood friends.

For the first time, I wanted to take the risk to cook something rather than bringing a pre-prepared dish. I decided on our family's specialty: kimchi pancakes. As I prepared the ingredients, I was reminded of the memories that came with the dish.

As I began cutting homemade kimchi, its fermented odor instantly hit me, taking me back to 7th grade when I brought kimchi to school for the first time. Disturbed with the unfamiliar smell, my friends told me to put my food away. At that moment, my culture, which had served as my identity's centerpiece, became a source of shame. As I covered the kimchi in flour, I recalled how, as the only Korean my age throughout grade school, I covered up my culture to fit in. This recollection made my gut churn with discomfort. The same friends who told me to put my food away were here at this gathering. What if I receive a frown from my pancakes? The fear of rejection and being singled out rose again.

However, my discomfort dispelled as I recalled positive experiences. I recalled how in high school, I met peers who took interest in Korean culture, giving me an open door to share about my first-generation Korean-American background. As I became vulnerable in conversation, they listened and reciprocated, allowing me to absorb pieces of their distinct cultures and share with my parents at home. Through this, my family became more familiar with different cultures, and we dismissed many cultural stereotypes we initially had. When my dad, a pastor, shared our experiences with the church during a sermon, I realized that my circumstance as a lone Korean had immense value. As a part of two disparate communities - my school and the first-generation Korean Church - I could serve as a vessel of intercultural sharing. Even though there may be peers who reject what is unfamiliar to them, that didn't affect me now. I finished covering the kimchi, eager to share the food and culture I'm proud of.

Next, I washed and cut the pork. As the knife thudded against the cutting board, I envisioned my mother using this board. I admired her grit as she cooked family meals and church lunches, which often included this same kimchi pancake recipe. Her grit reminded me of my dad, who was always at church, fixing broken ACs or scrubbing the bathroom floors. I realized that sharing these kimchi pancakes meant I was not only sharing my culture, but also my family's background and beliefs.

In the past, I wasn't proud of my parents' background. In fact, I was often shy when people asked me what my parents do for a living. It didn't feel glorious when I explained that my dad led a small Korean church - it wasn't grounded in money, fame, or characteristics people typically consider as success. This feeling did not go away when my close friends were the ones inquiring about my family's background. I felt especially uncomfortable as I knew that my friends came from affluent families and often talked about wealth as a key measure of success as well as competence. I was afraid that my parents' competence would be judged if I explained that they chose a religious path, full of humility and financial hardship.

However, as I chopped onions, I was reminded that although kimchi pancakes had cheap ingredients, that didn't mean that they were cheap in taste - each bite is full of rich flavor. With this came the realization that the nuanced hardships caused by my family's pastoral background was accompanied with rich experiences. Although people may not consider pastoral work as competence or success, I knew with all my heart that my parents' success is fully proven as they serve their congregation every Sunday morning, sacrificing income and comfort to do what they believe is right for their community. Each time they demonstrate humility, they receive fulfillment from the smiles and gratitude that is reciprocated back. No matter the opinions of the people around me, I knew this was something worth sharing proudly as a part of my identity.

By serving these kimchi pancakes, I took a risk in sharing my full authentic self: the Korean-American culture, the pastoral family, and the financial struggles. As the pancakes were passed around and the smiles started forming, I felt a rush of relief: the freedom of sharing my full self.

Scholarship Recipient Essay

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I have just completed my freshman year at Maryville College.

When answering this question, I really struggled to find a risk that I overcome to share with you.

Overall, I would say that I like to be prepared and take calculated risks instead of spontaneous adventures. Although I love to plan and prepare for many situations, I know that with risks comes growth, and oftentimes the greater the risk, the more opportunities there are for rewards. It is my understanding that when our service men and women receive their military training, it is to prepare them for anything. If you are prepared, then when the risk or threat arises you can run towards it. To prepare for "big" decisions, I first make a list. I have learned that if I list out all the pros and cons of a particular decision and pray about it, I can mitigate my stress significantly. To date, my first major decision was picking which college I wanted to attend. Through a long and detailed process, I chose to attend Maryville College. As with all decisions, you will question and think about how your life may look differently if you had selected a different path. When choosing Maryville College over other schools, I sometimes struggle with knowing I am generating some debt; however, this is really the only con still on my list. There are many pros that outweigh the negatives including my roommates, my proximity to home, being able to work part-time while being a full-time student, and receiving opportunities connected to my major like substitute teaching. So far, my choice to attend Maryville College has been a risk with great reward. When selecting my major as elementary education, I was beyond excited. But, what I initially saw as a fulfilling and calculated risk is quickly becoming a lot risker.

When making my decision to become a future educator, I look to my mom as an example. In her thirty years of teaching, she has had a wide range of students, experiences, and learning opportunities—some good and some bad. As I observe my mom, I realize that she is more than just a teacher—she is a mother, therapist, friend, and mentor to so many. She makes a difference and that is what makes education worthwhile and rewarding. Right now, the thought of someone walking into a school with a gun weighs heavy on my heart. Teachers are not trained for this type of threat. I do believe that I will make a great teacher, but I continue to worry about this risk I am making. Unfortunately, I will have to wait many years to know if this risk was worth taking. I look at these teachers who gave their lives to protect the children in their classroom. My thoughts and prayers go out to their families, but these tragic situations should not scare me away. I must persevere and run toward God's calling for me.

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