



2021 16th Annual Celebration

Korean American Day

제 16회 미주 한인의 날 축전

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

5:00 - 6:30 PM EST

LIVE STREAMED HYBRID



미주 한인재단 - 워싱턴
Korean American Foundation - Greater Washington



Korean American Day 2021

미연방의회가 2005년 12월에 매년 1월 13일을 미주한인의 날로 제정한 것은 미주 한인사회와 공헌과 위상을 미 주류 사회가 공식적으로 인정한 것입니다. 이러한 기념일은 한인사회와 주류사회간의 교류와 협력을 강화하고 1세와 2세대들이 힘을 합쳐 정체성을 확립하고 계승 발전시키며 또 다가오는 100년을 바라보는 미주한인들의 축제일이 될 것입니다.

미주한인들은 다인종 미주류사회와 함께 어울리는 조화와 협력과 공동의 가치관을 공유 하면서 한국의 유산을 물려 받는 자랑스러운 미주사회의 주인이 됨으로써 주목받는 모범 민족이 되어야 할 것입니다.

As we pause to look backward over more than a century of Korean immigration and assimilation into the American civilization, we move forward into the new millennium with our cherished cultural traditions, work ethic, and devotion to family and community intact and thriving.

It has been 118 years in the making: Korean American Day 2021. We celebrate with the burden of the tragic loss of so many of our fellow citizens to the current epidemic, but with the hope of relief soon to come.

The designation by the Congress of the United States of January 13 as Korean American Day in 2005 recognized Americans of Korean heritage as a significant and vital community within American society with major achievements in science, technology, and the arts. It marked a moment of inspiration in the history of the Korean American community by honoring Korean Americans for their accomplishments and contributions to the United States. We give thanks to America for this recognition, and for preserving and protecting at great cost our liberty from the forces of tyranny. With our liberties we hold as American citizens, we have the opportunity to help to fulfill the dreams of our families, our community, and our fellow citizens.

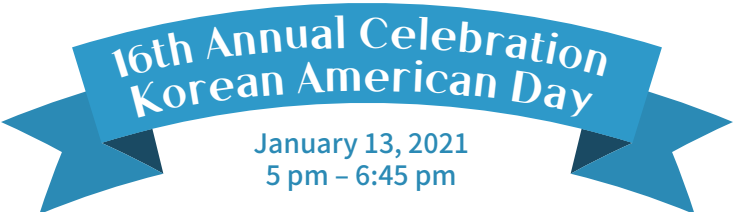
We are particularly honored this year to have three Korean Americans newly elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, Reps. Young Kim and Michelle Steel of California and Marilyn Strickland of Washington. We also proudly recognize the re-election of Rep. Andy Kim of New Jersey and the continuing second term of Maryland First Lady Yumi Hogan. More great accomplishments surely lie ahead for the Korean American community!



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9th President: Michelle Lee (mlee@kafgw.org) **16th Event Chairperson:** Albert T. Kim, CPA
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KAF-GW Senior Advisors: Sekwon Chong, Eun Ae Lee, Inook Hur, and Mi Schill Kim



MODERATOR 사회: Hannah Kim

5:00 pm
INTRODUCING
KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

Hannah Kim, Moderator

OPENING MESSAGE
개회사

Mr. Sekwon K. Chong, Founder & Sr. Advisor of KAF-GW

NATIONAL ANTHEMS
한미 양국가 제창

Tenor: Seong Won Nam

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE PANDEMIC

OPENING PRAYER
개회기도

Rev. Bum Lee, Council of Korean Churches Greater Washington

WELCOMING REMARKS
환영인사

Albert T Kim, 16th Event Chairperson

GREETING
인사말씀

Michelle Lee, 9th President of KAF-GW

INTRODUCTION FOR KAF-GW
SENIOR ADVISORS AND OFFICERS

by Moderator

VIP INTRODUCTION
귀빈소개

by Hannah Kim

5:20 pm
CONGRATULATORY REMARKS
축사

President of the Republic of Korea Moon Jae-in (Prerecorded Video)
Chair of KDVA Gen (Ret.) Vincent Brooks (Prerecorded Video)
U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu (Prerecorded Video)
U.S. Congressman Andy Kim (Zoom Live)
U.S. Congresswoman Grace Meng (Prerecorded Video)
Maryland First Lady Yumi Hogan (Prerecorded Video)
U. S. Congresswoman Young Kim (Live)
U.S. Congressman Gerald E. Connolly (Prerecorded Video)
U.S. Congressman Mike Kelly (Prerecorded Video)
Korean Minister and Consul-General Kwon Seijoong (Prerecorded Video)

KOREAN AMERICAN NEXT GEN GUEST
SPEECH

Andrew Hwang (Zoom Live)

AWARDS PRESENTATION
지역봉사상 수여

Introduction to Awardees (Prerecorded Video)
Awards are presented by Albert T. Kim, CPA, Event Chairperson
Distinguished Leadership Awardee : William Wonkyun Hwang (황원균)
Outstanding Community Service Awardee: Eun Ae Lee (이은애)

6:00 pm
KOREAN CULTURAL
PERFORMANCE

MUSIC for live violin and pre-recorded piano: Dr. Hyejin Kim (Live)
1.Taepyung-ga (경기민요) for Solo Violin and 국악반주
2. Lonely Arirang (홀로 아리랑) for Violin and Piano
CALLIGRAPHY Mook Jae Myoung Won Kwon (Prerecorded)
KOREAN HANBOK
1. Theme: Traditional and Mordern Wedding Gowns, Kyung Eun Kim Hanbok Designer at her studio (Zoom Live)
2. Theme: Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter Hanbok provided by Hanbok Advancement Center in Seoul (Prerecorded Video)
KOREAN HANOK
Theme: Traditional House-Mordern Hanok-Hanok Ceiling provided by Kyung Chul Park, CEO, publisher & editor of the magazine HANOK (prerecorded Video)
TRADITIONAL DANCE performed by Changwon City Dance Company, S. Korea (Prerecorded)
1. Beokkoo Dance /버꾸춤 (7')
2. Korean Fan Dance /부채춤 (9')
3. Jenggang Dance /쟁강춤 (6')

CLOSING REMARKS
폐회사

Dr. David Kim, Secretary of KAF-GW



Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 109th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

House of Representatives

H. RES. 487

Supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day

December 13, 2005

Whereas the influence of Korean Americans may be observed in all facets of American life, including entrepreneurship, the arts, and education;

Whereas on January 13, 1903, 102 pioneer Korean immigrants arrived in the United States initiating the first chapter of Korean immigration to America;

Whereas the centennial year of 2003 marked an important milestone in the history of Korean immigration;

Whereas Korean Americans, like other groups of immigrants that came to the United States before them, have settled and thrived in the United States through strong family ties, community support, and hard work;

Whereas Korean Americans have made significant contributions to the economic vitality of the United States and the global marketplace;

Whereas Korean Americans have invigorated businesses, churches, and academic communities in the United States;

Whereas Korean Americans have made enormous contributions to the military strength of the United States;

Whereas today, at least 4,000 Korean Americans serve in the Armed Forces of the United States, with approximately 25percent of them currently serving in Iraq; and

Whereas the Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13 of each year as 'Korean American Day' to commemorate the first step of the long and prosperous journey of Korean American in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives -

- 1) supports the goals and ideals of a Korean American Day;
- 2) urges all Americans to observe Korean American Day so as to have a greater appreciation of the invaluable contributions Korean Americans have made to United States; and
- 3) honors and recognizes the 103rd anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States.

S.RES.283

Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of 'Korean American Day'. (Introduced in Senate)

SRES 283 IS

109th CONGRESS

1st Session

S. RES. 283

Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of 'Korean American Day'.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

October 20, 2005

Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of 'Korean American Day'.

Whereas on January 13, 1903, the arrival of 102 pioneer immigrants to the United States initiated the first chapter of Korean immigration to the United States;

Whereas members of the early Korean American community served with distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, and the conflict in Korea;

Whereas in the early 1950s, thousands of Koreans, fleeing from war, poverty, and desolation, came to the United States seeking opportunities;

Whereas Korean Americans, like waves of immigrants to the United States before them, have taken root and thrived as a result of strong family ties, robust community support, and countless hours of hard work;

Whereas the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States include the invention of the first beating heart operation for coronary artery heart disease, development of the nectarine, a 4-time Olympic gold medalist, and achievements in engineering, architecture, medicine, acting, singing, sculpture, and writing;

Whereas Korean Americans play a crucial role in maintaining the strength and vitality of the United States-Korean partnership;

Whereas the centennial year of 2003 marked an important milestone in the now more than 100-year history of Korean immigration; and

Whereas the Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13th of each year as 'Korean American Day' to memorialize the more than 100-year journey of Korean Americans in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate--

(1) supports the goals and ideals of a 'Korean American Day';

(2) commemorates the 103rd anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to--

(A) share in such commemoration in order to greater appreciate the valuable contributions Korean Americans have made to the United States; and

(B) to observe 'Korean American Day' with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.



Korean American Foundation Greater Washington

January 13, 2021



Dear Friends –

I am very pleased to extend my warm wishes to all of you celebrating the 2021 16th Annual Korean American Day in the midst of the terrible Pandemic that has changed all of our lives.

We thank all the members of the U.S. Congress who co-sponsored and passed the Korean American Day Resolutions, HR 487 and SR 283 passed in December 2005 designating January 13th of each year as Korean American Day in recognition of the many contributions by Korean Americans to American society. We find today Korean Americans in all aspects of American society, contributing to the arts and sciences, technology, business, industry, oriental medicine, and many other specialties. We also welcome three new Korean Americans into Congress this year, Rep. Young Kim and Michelle Park Steel of California, and Marilyn Strickland of Washington State, all joining Andy Kim as a returning Congressman from New Jersey.

On January 13, 1903, 102 pioneer Korean immigrants arrived in America in the state of Hawaii to work in sugar cane fields. Since then, for more than a century, new waves of Koreans have immigrated to the U.S., have worked hard, and prospered in this land of opportunity and freedom. The community has played an important role in promoting and maintaining a strong relationship between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea. As the proud inheritors and beneficiaries of the pioneering efforts of our predecessors, we are compelled to continue to work hard, contribute to American society, and to pass on our cherished values and traditions to a new generation of Korean Americans.

I would like to express my gratitude to all members of the sponsoring organizations including the Korean Embassy, the Korean Overseas Foundation and the Korean American Foundation-Greater Washington. It is my sincere hope that the Korean American community continues to prosper and build friendly relationships with our fellow citizens of the U.S., and to enhance the strong relationship between the U.S. and South Korea.

May God continue to bless the United States of America and the Republic of Korea.

Best Wishes,

Sekwon Kenneth Chong

Founder and Senior Advisor

Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington



Korean American Foundation Greater Washington

January 13, 2021



Dear Friends -

I want to welcome everyone to the 16th Korean American Day celebration in 2021.

I am sure that 2020 has been a most unusual and difficult year for everyone for many reasons. I have lived in America for 45 years and have never faced this type of challenge. The Pandemic in some way is worse than a war. We are fighting an invisible enemy, Covid 19, which exists within us and is silently targeting us.

Even in the midst of this crisis, our human spirit is enduring and rises to the occasion. Korean American Day is very a good example of this. This event could have been easily cancelled because of the Pandemic, yet it has not deterred us from moving forward with this celebration.

I want to congratulate and thank Michelle Lee, President of Korean American Foundation - Greater Washington, and her dedicated colleagues and friends for their hard work to help make this event possible. I am honored to be the 2021 Event Chairperson and more generally to be a participant in the greater Korean American experience.

Albert Kim

Event Chairperson

16th Korean American Day Celebration

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워싱턴지역 한인 교회협의회

Council of Korean Churches of the Greater Washington



January 13, 2021

I am pleased to commend the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for hosting the 16th Annual Korean American Day celebration.

Last year, due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, we endured a tough and difficult time.

I hope that God will lead us to develop the right vaccine so that we may all return to our daily lives as before. Although we do events online, our hearts are grateful and full because no one can stop our passion for loving Korea and America.

The United States is our friend, protecting Korea by participating in the Korean War 70 years ago (1950). Korean-Americans have come to America, the country of opportunity, and by living faithfully so much has been achieved.

Thanks to the four Korean immigrants who were elected to the House of Representatives, I lift my head proudly as a Korean-American.

As a pastor, when I have a worship service or an event, I continue to keep Korea and America in my prayers.

It is a blessing to acknowledge and cherish my Korean heritage, where I lived for 25 years since I was born, and embrace my life in the United States, where I've now lived for 40 years.

Congratulations again on the 16th Annual Korean American Day.

Sincerely,

Rev. Bum Lee

46th President of The Council of Korean Churches of the Greater Washington



Korean American Foundation Greater Washington

January 13, 2021



Dear Friends and Distinguished Guests:

After a year full of challenges, I am grateful to have the opportunity to organize the 16th annual Korean American Day Celebration on January 13, 2021 via a live streamed hybrid format. Given the constraints imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, we are presenting this event with a combination of a live group, live guests via Zoom, and pre-recorded messages to a global online audience.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our elected members of the U.S. Congress, the Embassy of The Republic of Korea, the Korean Minister and Consul General Kwon Seijoong in Washington D.C., the Korean Overseas Foundation, and all of the participants, supporters and volunteers who make this event possible.

The Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration to the United States - Greater Washington was established in October, 2001. The organizational name was changed to the Korean American Foundation - Greater Washington (KAF-GW) on January, 2004. KAF-GW was actively seeking the designation of Korean American Day as January 13, which was realized by the Congressional designations in 2005.

As we all celebrate this 16th special day for Korean-Americans, I am reminded of the great sacrifices that veterans of the U.S. and other Armed Forces have made to secure the freedom and prosperity of the South Korean people. The American people have welcomed Korean immigrants including myself and my family since 1903 and have enabled us to flourish in a civilization built on the foundation of individual liberty and freedom. The challenges overcome by our immigrant ancestors, the achievements of our current generation, and the hope for future generations of Korean Americans are all cause for celebration on this day. However, we also endure the sorrow of the tragic loss of so many persons to the pandemic that has changed our lives. We may be encouraged by the scientific breakthroughs that may soon eliminate this threat from our lives.

Until that time, I hope that you take necessary precautions to remain well, and have a wonderful and safe New Year !

Warm Wishes,

Michelle Lee, 9th President
Korean American Foundation - Greater Washington



KDVA

KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION

January 13, 2021

It is an honor to have this opportunity to celebrate Korean American Day with you. The United States and South Korea have a very special friendship and share the most unique Alliance in the world. Korean Americans reflect the best of both countries and are the fruit of this ironclad alliance. It is fitting that we honor Korean Americans on this day, and further appreciate Korean Americans every day.

The House and Senate Resolutions that enacted this day of commemoration reflect on the immigration of 102 pioneers who left Korea and came to the United States on January 13, 1903. Since then, the generations of Korean Americans who have followed these pioneers can be found in all sectors of American society. The cultures have become interlaced.

As a career military officer, I had the honor of serving alongside many, many Korean Americans around the world, each an American patriot. Moreover, my multiple tours of duty in Korea gave me a deeper appreciation for the Korean part of their cultural origins. When I commanded the United Nations Command, ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea during a critical time in our deterrence against North Korea, many members of my command were Korean American, some experiencing Korea for the first time themselves. Others helped me to maintain the closest ties with the Korean leadership and people. While I am particularly proud of Korean Americans who served in the military, it is clear that the contributions of Korean Americans are far and wide. We are a better America because of their contributions.

On behalf of the Korea Defense Veterans Association, we send our warmest wishes and thank you for your continued success in recognizing and supporting the vital role that Korean Americans play in American society and in the relationship with South Korea. My thanks to the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for this commemoration.

Sincerely,

Vincent K. Brooks
General, U.S. Army (Retired)
Chairman & President
Korea Defense Veterans Association



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January 13, 2021



I am happy to have the opportunity to congratulate the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington and all attendees of the 16th annual celebration of Korean immigration to the United States.

As a son of two Korean immigrants who were warmly welcomed to the United States and raised our family here, I am grateful for the Korean American Foundation's efforts to empower the Korean American community and support the people of the Greater Washington area. It is organizations like yours that helped my parents and generations of immigrants make their home in the United States, gain a community and become proud Americans. I am honored to support organizations like the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington and am thankful for its work strengthening ties among the Korean American community and helping realize the promise of our great melting pot.

Please accept my warmest wishes for an exceptional 2021 celebration. I appreciate all the work that the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington has done to help strengthen the network of Asian Americans and I wish them continued success.

Sincerely,

Andy Kim
Member of Congress

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January 13, 2021

On the 118th Anniversary of Korean American Day

Dear Friends,

I am honored to extend my congratulations to the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington on their virtual 16th Annual Korean American Day celebration.

Korean American Day is an important occasion to commemorate and recognize the milestones Korean Americans have made since they first came to the United States 118 years ago. Successive generations have paved the way for their children and grandchildren to attain the American Dream. From restaurants to NASA and from Congress to Hollywood, Korean Americans are leaders across these and many other diverse industries. They are redefining what we eat and who we see on the big screen, making it possible for younger generations to dream big. While many Korean Americans reside in different regions across the United States, New York State is home to the second largest Korean American population. In fact, my district in Queens, New York, is home to a vibrant Korean American community that has enriched our neighborhoods and the greater New York City metropolitan area. It is my honor to represent them in Congress.

The Korean American community we see today is grounded in organizations like the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington. Diversity is our strength and building connections within and across communities is a worthy mission. I commend the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for their work in promoting Korean culture, while building relationships with different communities. I know you will continue to enjoy future successes. Additionally, I extend my warmest congratulations to the awardees, including William Wonkun Hwang and Eun Ae Lee, for their achievements.

Thank you again for the opportunity to join in today's virtual celebration of Korean American Day. Happy Korean American Day!

Sincerely,

Grace Meng
Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

It is my honor to commend the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for hosting the 16th Annual Korean American Day celebration. This year we celebrate the 118th anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean Immigrants to the United States.

Today, we celebrate and acknowledge the impact Korean Americans have had on our nation. In the 11th Congressional District of Virginia, which I proudly represent in Congress, one-in-four residents is foreign born. And of those, nearly half are originally from Asia. My district is home to the largest number of Asian-American owned businesses in the National Capital Region and the Commonwealth of Virginia. I am proud of the district I represent, and I am grateful for the immeasurable contributions that immigrant communities have given to our community and our nation.

The U.S.-Korea alliance has been characterized by political and diplomatic cooperation, economic and trade relations, and a strong friendship. As co-chair of the Korea Caucus in the United States House of Representatives, I look forward to continuing and strengthening our partnership as we build on the success of our alliance and work together toward the achievement of our common goals.

Once again, I want to thank the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for making this event possible and for your commitment to the Korean American community.

With Warmest Regards,

Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District of Virginia



YUMI HOGAN
FIRST LADY

STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

January 13th, 2021
Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington



A Message from First Lady Yumi Hogan

Greetings,

I would like to congratulate the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington on virtually hosting the 16th Annual Korean American Day Celebration.

It is my pleasure to witness that the Korean American community in the DC metropolitan area continues to grow. During this time of unprecedented challenges in particular, our community has demonstrated strength and resilience and set an example for others.

I want to especially congratulate Michelle Lee on becoming the President of the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington. I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for dedicating to the Korean American community.

I look forward to seeing everybody face to face during safer times. We will get through this together. Please keep our legacy alive and continue your commitment for the next generations to come.

I wish you a new year full of happiness and health for you and your families. Please stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely yours,

Yumi Hogan
First Lady of Maryland



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

January 13, 2021

Dear Friends:

I am honored to welcome guests and participants to this 2021 Korean American Day Celebration. I would first like to thank the Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington for their hard work in organizing and hosting this celebration. I know this year's celebration looks different due to the pandemic, but this is special nonetheless.



Korean American Day commemorates the arrival of the first Korean immigrants on January 13, 1903 and honors the great contributions that Korean Americans have made to the growth and economic success of the United States. The Korean American Foundation has played an integral role in making sure this day is recognized and I want to thank the Foundation for their efforts.

This year, I am honored to co-author a resolution recognizing Jan 13, 2021 as Korean American Day. This year has been a historic year for the Korean American community. I am honored to be one of the first Korean American women elected to serve in the United States Congress, and I am excited that Congress can celebrate and recognize this day. It is an honor to represent the 39th Congressional District in Southern California and best wishes for a successful event!

Sincerely,

Young Kim
Member of Congress, 39th District

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 13, 2021

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to congratulate the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington and all attendees on the 16th annual Korean American Day Celebration.

This day serves to celebrate the great contributions Korean Americans have made to our country, and to also honor the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States in 1903. As an immigrant myself, it is my pleasure to celebrate this occasion with you. I am proud to be a Korean American, and even prouder to be one of the first Korean American women to serve in Congress. It is a great honor to be a voice for our community in our nation's capital.

Korean Americans add to the rich fabric of our nation and society. It is my hope that we continue to celebrate Korean Americans, uplift their voices, and advocate on their behalf, not just on Korean American Day, but every day.

I thank the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for giving me the opportunity to address you all. Happy Korean American Day!

Sincerely,



Michelle Steel
Member of Congress



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 12, 2021

Dear Friends,

It is a great honor and privilege to welcome everyone to Korean-American Day 2021 celebration with the Korean American Federation-Greater Washington.

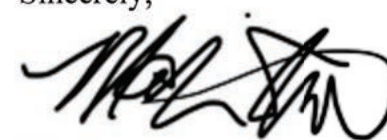
As we celebrate 16 years since Congress designated January 13 as Korean-American Day, let us take a moment to reflect on unbreakable bond between the United States and the Republic of Korea that was forged in the our shared pursuit of freedom and prosperity. As a direct product of that unbreakable bond, I am proud to represent both my countries in the United States Congress as the Representative of Washington's 10th Congressional District.

In 1962, my Korean immigrant mother made the bold decision to come to America with her daughter and her husband - a new county where she didn't really know anyone and didn't speak the language. My mother's resilience, strength, hard work, and accomplishments in the face of adversity are reflective of the rich values that the Korean-American community continues to offer our nation.

I am proud to carry these values with me as a Member of the historically diverse 117th Congress. As the first Korean-American woman to be elected to Congress and the first African-American to represent Washington State at the federal level, I could not be more proud of my heritage. This is why it was so deeply personal to wear my Hanbok to my swearing-in ceremony earlier this month, which not only symbolizes my heritage and honors my mother, but also serves as a larger testament to the crucial importance of diversity in our nation, state, and the People's House.

To everyone celebrating in Washington's 10th Congressional District, across our nation, and across the globe – I wish you a happy and safe Korean American Day!

Sincerely,



Marilyn Strickland
Member of Congress





Distinguished Leadership Awardee 2021: William Won Kyun Hwang

Thirty six years ago, William Hwang was working as an assistant head of the trading department at a textile Company in Korea when he decided to accept an offer to be a branch manager for his family business in Liberia, West Africa. One year later, he had to leave for America with only \$500 in hand due to the closing of his business in Liberia.

He was still single at this time, so he felt free to meet the challenge to build a business in United States. He worked diligently beginning his days at 5 a.m. to build his credit and reputation. After 6 years, he opened the Florida Market as a wholesale business in Washington, D.C. He currently owns and operates two trading companies and is licensed to serve the region including Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

Even though he has had a very busy schedule operating his businesses, he manages to allocate time for community service. He has served as President of the Korean American Association of Virginia and as a Washington team leader for the 14th Korean American National Sports Festival in San Francisco. He has been a committee member and the 18th Vice Chair for the National Unification Advisory Council (NAUC) Americas Assembly. He also served the NAUC Washington Chapter as the 16th and 17th President, and has served with many other nonprofit organizations.

Recently he was recognized with the National Moran Medal from the South Korean Government for his efforts toward the peaceful unification of North and South Korea and with an award from the Fairfax (Virginia) County Executive for his public park commitment and his longtime community service.

The most important aspect of his vision is having a Korean Community Center in the Greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area for providing services and opportunities that allow Koreans and non-Koreans to develop as healthy, self-sufficient, and engaged community members. His dream became reality one year ago with the purchase of the Korean Community Center building in Annandale, Virginia. His efforts and commitment enabled the purchase of this building to function as a place of service for the community. He currently serves as a Board Member of the Center.

We thank him for all of his hard work and dedication to the community that contributes to the enrichment of the lives of all Americans.



Outstanding Community Service Awardee: Eun Ae Lee

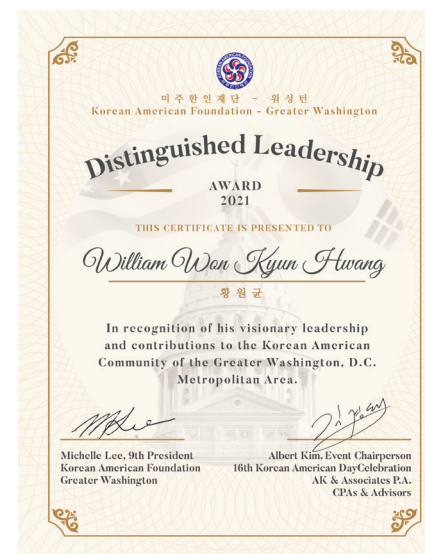
Eun Ae Lee immigrated to the United States in 1982. Since then she has been working with all her passion to serve the Korean American community in the Greater Washington D.C. region.

She was Director of the 100th Anniversary of Korean American Immigration Project Committee, Professor of Nutrition at Kings Park University, served two terms as President of the Korean American Foundation - Greater Washington, and served as President of the Inpass Orchestra. She is also a painter and a member of the Korean Literary Society of Washington, a columnist of the Hankook Ilbo-Washington newspaper, and a founder and President of the Maclean Korean Language School.

She was awarded for her community activities by the Korean American School Council in 2018, the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2015, the Presidential Volunteer Award in 2013 and 2014, the Proud Korean American Award in 2013, the 2013 Cultural Heritage Administration Appreciation Award, and the 2011 Taekwondo Scholarship Foundation Appreciation Award.

She has served as the Korean Community Center Organization Committee Membership Chairperson in an extensive effort to bring a Korean Community Center to Northern Virginia. On December 30, 2019, the Korean Community Center building purchase was settled due in large part to the efforts of Eun Ae Lee.

We thank her for her outstanding service to the Korean American Community in the Greater Washington D.C. region.





Hannah Kim

Co-Organizer and Moderator: Hannah Y. Kim was the Chief of Staff to retired U.S. Congressman Charles B. Rangel, a decorated Korean War veteran, and the official ambassador of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation USA (KWVMF). Hannah has studied at Seoul National University and has completed graduate work at George Washington University, UCLA, and Johns Hopkins AIS. Her devoted activism began in 2008 at the age of 24 when she lobbied Congress to enact legislation, signed by President Barack Obama in 2009, which established July 27 as the National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day in the U.S. Hannah created the website <https://koreanwarmemorials.com> for the 70th anniversary of the Korean War on June 25th, 2020. She is a founder of Remember727, an organization established in 2008 to honor Korean War veterans and to promote peace on the Korean Peninsula. Hannah has traveled across 6 continents in 30 countries that participated in the Korean War (1950-1953), including all 50 states and 4 U.S. Territories to thank and interview veterans. Her War Memorial site contains photos from nearly 180 memorials she has visited and 400 videos of approximately 1,200 veterans she has met and interviewed throughout her journeys between 2017 and 2019. She has contributed to CNN, Chosunilbo, C-SPAN, KBS, and many other news outlets and serves several non-profits as a board member.



Andrew Hwang

Speaker: Andrew Hwang is a 1.5-generation Korean-American undergraduate student in his fourth year at The Johns Hopkins University. He and his family immigrated to the United States when he was a one year old, and has since resided in Chicago, Illinois when not resident at the university. His Korean heritage has played a crucial role in defining his identity as an Asian-American living in the States, and his leadership roles in Korean-American-based organizations (e.g. Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association at JHU) attests to this fact. Andrew is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience and Public Health Studies, and will work towards an MD degree in the near future. He hopes to cultivate all his personal and academic interests to become a neurologist specializing in the global health of neurological disorders, especially in low-resourced regions.



**Tenor
Prf. Seong Won Nam**

The Anthems: Seong Won Nam is a professional lyric tenor, with a broad background of experience in performance, teaching, leadership, and support. He is well known in the Washington DC area as a focused, dedicated artist and teacher. Seong is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Music at George Mason University, Fairfax Virginia, where he supports the vocal music program at George Mason University through personal instruction, evaluation, and curriculum development. In fifteen seasons with the Washington National Opera, Mr. Nam has performed in well over 450 performances. His area leading roles have included Duca (Rigoletto), Faust (Faust), Romeo (Roméo et Juliette), Edgardo (Lucia di Lammermoor), Macduff (Macbeth), Pinkerton (Madama Butterfly) and Nemorino (L'Elisir D'Amore). In addition to these engagements, Mr. Nam is a founder of the Christian Classical Singers, a group of professional Korean singers. He is also the Artistic Director of the Washington Concert Society, a non-profit organization.



Dr. Hyejin Kim

Violin and Piano (Prerecorded Piano) by Dr. Hyejin Kim: leads an exciting career as soloist, chamber musician, orchestral musician, and conductor. She teaches violin, viola, and conducts the Bello Chamber Youth orchestra. Dr. Kim participates as a judge at Howard County solo and ensemble auditions, American Asian Music Society International competitions, and MSMTA solo competitions. She attended Catholic University of America with a music scholarship, graduating with a Doctor of Musical Arts, and earned a Master of Music from Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University. She won first place at the 2013 American Protégé International Piano and String competition and was invited to play at Carnegie Hall in 2013. She won first place at the Catholic University of America concerto competition in 2008. Dr. Kim is a member of the Allentown Symphony Orchestra, Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, and Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. She was a member of the Violin/Viola/Chamber faculty for 8 years at the Levine School of Music in Washington, D.C. She is a music director of Bello classical music club. She currently plays as a solo violinist and violist at Friday Morning Music Club and perform as a concertmaster and solo violinist in orchestra. You can find more video of her performances at <https://www.youtube.com/c/HyejinKimviola>.



**Mook Jae: Myoung
Won Kwon,
Calligraphy**

Calligrapher: MOOK JAE - Myoung Won KWON is a Calligraphy artist with an extensive record of international exhibitions, collections on display, participation in demonstrations and events, and has received numerous awards in recognition of his art. His solo exhibitions include displays at the Duksoo Art Gallery (1980), the National Hangeul Museum (2018), and the Seoul Art Center in Seoul (2005), South Korea, and the National Museum of Costa Rica in San Jose (2012). In the U.S., he has exhibited at the Korean Embassy (1999), George Mason University (2006), Washington Historical Society (2009), University of Arts (2019), and many other venues. Collections of his work may be found at the Library of Congress, University of Maryland, the Lincoln Presidential Library, the Smithsonian, and other locations in the U.S. and abroad. Mr. Kwon has been actively participating in events that have included cultural events at the National Mall, the National Portrait Gallery, the Kennedy Center, and the Smithsonian Natural History Museum in Washington, D.C., and at many other national and international events. His work has been cited by the Korean Hangul National Calligraphy Exhibition, the Smithsonian, the Governor of Maryland, the Hangul Art Association, the Maryland General Assembly, the Korean Fine Art Association, and many others. He was also the Grand Prize winner at the Korean Hangul National Calligraphy Exhibition in the Seoul Art Center.



**KyungEun Kim
Hanbok designer**

Hanbok Designer: Kyungeun Kim is a professional Hanbok designer and scholar of Hanbok since 1987. She trained as an apprentice under the supervision of Hanbok designer Joryun Yoon in South Korea in 1985. She has worked at Hyundai Judan Hanbok, which serves as the Hanbok source for the Office of the President of the Republic of Korea. After serving as a designer at the Minye Traditional Design Center, Insadong, Korea, she immigrated to the U.S. and established the Insadong Hanbok Design Center in Maryland in 1998 and in Virginia in 1999. Since then, she has been actively participating in events that feature Hanbok fashion expositions in the regional Washington, D.C. area including the Miss Korean-American Washington Pageant, the Korean Folk Festival, sponsored by the Korean American Association of Northern Virginia, and has sponsored many cultural activities that include Hanbok.



KyungChul Park,
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HANOK magazine CEO, publisher and Editor: Kyung Chul Park

'Monthly Hanok' is the first magazine specializing in Hanok (Korean traditional house) that tells the stories of artisans who design and build Hanok. Kyung Chul Park is CEO, publisher, and editor-in-chief, who is also a traditional Hanok carpenter. He hosts and organizes the Seoul Hanok Expo.



Hanbok
Advancement
Center in Seoul

The Hanbok Advancement Center is a public institution of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the government of the Republic of Korea. The Center aims to promote the culture of Korean Hanbok and realize the globalization of Hanbok so that Hanbok can become a representative cultural symbol of Korea. The Center has been promoting Hanbok at festivals and international fashion shows.



Changwon City
Dance Company

The Changwon City Dance Company has been actively involved in the development of culture and arts in the Gyeongsangnam-do (southern) Province of South Korea and beyond since 1984. The company has made great cultural contributions by transmitting and re-creating Korean traditional dances, and also revitalizing dancing arts within the region. Huh Sungmoo, Mayor of Changwon, Gyeongsangnam-do Province, sent a video of the Changwon City Dance Company's performances to congratulate all on the 16th Korean American Day celebration. The video includes traditional Korean dance of Beokkoo, Fan, and Jenggang Dance styles. Sang-ah Oh is their current Art Director.
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Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington

Establishment

The Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration to the United States - Greater Washington was established in October, 2001 as a Virginia non-profit organization to provide programs relating to the history and future of Korean immigration to the United States, and to engage in other educational and cultural activities. The organization was recognized as tax-exempt under IRC Section 501(c) (3) in June 2003. The organizational name was changed to the Korean American Foundation - Greater Washington (KAF-GW) on January, 2004. KAF-GW at the time was vigorously seeking the designation of Korean American Day as January 13, the date that the first Korean immigrants arrived on the shores of America in Hawaii in 1903. This goal was realized in 2005, when the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate passed resolutions designating January 13 as Korean American Day. Since then, the foundation has been actively supporting and organizing special events on January 13, Korean American Day.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to honor the achievements of the Korean American community and to express our gratitude to American citizens for the opportunity to live in freedom and prosperity. We also seek to illuminate the pioneering efforts of our immigrant predecessors, to organize a Korean American Day celebration on January 13, and to pass on an awareness and appreciation of the accomplishments of Korean immigrants to future Korean American generations.

Please visit us at <https://kafgw.org>.



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