

2024

The 19th Korean American Day Annual Celebration

January 13



Ceremony

Caucus Room

Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 11am - 1pm

Public Cultural Event

Auditorium, Bethel Korean Presbyterian Church, Ellicott City, MD

Saturday, January 13, 2024

4pm - 6pm

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Korean American Day 2024

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.

Since the first Koreans arrived in the United States in 1903, we now have 121 years of history as immigrants to study and reflect upon. It has been a history filled with a well-earned reputation for hard work, devotion to our families, and support for our community. In this modern rapidly evolving technologically driven society, it is important for us to remember how these values have formed a foundation for our success and that these values must be instilled into the minds and hearts of the next generation of Korean Americans.

Four Korean Americans were re-elected to the U.S. Congress and continue their work today. We are fortunate to have Korean Americans Andy Kim of New Jersey, Young Kim and Michelle Steel from California, and Marilyn Strickland of Washington in the current 118th Congress.

We hope that more Korean-Americans will advance into mainstream American society and that exchanges between the Korean-American community and all Americans will be strengthened. We hope for a continued strong alliance between South Korea and the United States. We also hope that the next generation of Korean-Americans will remember their cultural heritage and share its rich traditions with all Americans.

Our Annual Statement of Appreciation

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.



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121 years of Korean American Immigration

Korean Americans are celebrating the date of January 13, 1903, when the first wave of Korean Americans arrived in Hawaii. Korean American history goes back further to 1882, when the U.S. signed a treaty of peace, friendship, and commerce with Korea, allowing each country to establish a diplomatic mission. From that time, Koreans began to arrive in the U.S. as diplomats, political exiles, merchants, and students.

Three Waves of Korean Immigration

The first wave, from 1903 to 1905, consisted of about 7,500 Koreans, mostly men, who went to work on Hawaii’s sugar plantations as contract laborers. The first ship (RMS Gaelic) to bring Korean immigrants carrying 56 men, 21 women, and 25 children came to Hawaii on January 13, 1903.

The second wave, beginning in 1950, consisted of women who married American soldiers and of children adopted into American families. Nearly 100,000 so-called “internationally married women” or “military brides” entered the United States between 1950 and 1989, while approximately 300,000 Korean adoptees entered the United States beginning in 1953.

The third wave, beginning in 1967, consists of Koreans who came under the occupational and family reunification preferences of the 1965 Immigration Act. These waves of emigration followed growing U.S. involvement in Korea during the twentieth century.

Impact of Koreans on American Society

There has been much to celebrate for Korean Americans over the previous 121 years. Sammy Lee was a two-time Olympic gold medalist in diving. Lieutenant Commander Dr. Jonny Kim is a NASA astronaut, part of the Artemis team of future missions to the moon and beyond. David Hyun was the architect who revitalized Little Tokyo in LA, and Hines Ward Jr. played for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Korean Americans Andy Kim (NJ), Marilyn Strickland (WA), Michelle Steel (CA) and Young Kim (CA) serve the nation in the U.S. Congress.

Korean culture has also left a sizable footprint in the U.S. Korean food such as Bibimbap and Kimchi has become popular. Many people now watch Korean movies and listen to K-Pop music. Korean classical musicians and vocalists are a growing presence in the performing arts. Korean electronics and machinery are widely recognized as being state of the art.

Korean Immigration Documentary

To mark the 121th anniversary of Korean immigrations to the United States, the **Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington** produced a documentary video of Korean immigration and the Washington D.C. area community to commemorate this milestone and to preserve this history as a legacy to the next generation.

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/zx-g15lfw3Q>

S.RES.283

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

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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.



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.



**Korean American Foundation
Greater Washington**



Jan 10, 2024

Dear Friends and Participants:

Welcome to Washington D.C.!

We are celebrating the 19th anniversary of the Korean American Day.

Over the past century, Korean immigrants have surpassed 2 million people in the United States. Today, it is undeniable that American culture enriched by Korean descent has become an integral part of our nation, influencing history, politics, culture, and the economy. The 2005 US senate and House resolution marked a pivotal moment, recognizing Americans of Korean heritage as essential contributors to mainstream America. As we commemorate Korean American Day, let it serve as a reminder of our heritage and a guiding light for future generations of Americans of Korean descent. Enjoy your stay in the Capital City and join us in celebrating this significant anniversary.

Best regards,

Harold Pyon
Chair of the 19th Korean American Celebration Event
Chairman, Korean American Day National Committee



**Korean American Foundation
Greater Washington**



January 10, 2024

Dear Friends,

I am privileged to celebrate the 19th Korean American Day with all of you.

In 1903, when 102 Korean immigrants arrived in Hawaii, they must have gone through very difficult times before they established their identity as immigrants. During that period, their homeland was invaded by the Japanese Empire. Their homeland and their government, the Korean Joseon Dynasty, were as a candle in the wind, extinguished by the invading army. With the Japanese in control, their papers and even their identity as Koreans under the Joseon Dynasty was lost. Despite their hardships working on plantations, some must have felt that they no longer had a country to which they could return. That made it necessary for some workers to choose to live the hard life in America and to order picture brides.

However, those early pioneers rose above their burdens. They were reborn with a new life and a new identity as Korean Americans. Those early immigrants from Korea sacrificed their hopes and dreams of returning to Korea to support their families and their homeland for a new dream to be successful citizens in a new strange land and to pass down their legacy to their descendants and their fellow Korean Americans.

We are the recipients of their legacy, of all their hard work and suffering to make good lives for their children and to clear the path for future generations to come to America. We have walked down that path, now we must pass their legacy down to our future generations. It is our responsibility. In doing so, we must never forget the sacrifices of those first Korean immigrants and remind our future generations of that history.

I would like to thank Event Chairman Harold Pyon, Event Director Michelle Lee, KAF-GW Vice President Soo K. Jung, our sponsors, and President Jungil Seo of the Federation of Korean Associations, U.S.A., who all helped to make this event a success.

Rosa Park
10th President
Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 13, 2024



I send my warmest greetings to everyone across the country celebrating Korean American Day.

On this day 121 years ago, the first group of Korean immigrants landed on our shores. Since starting new homes here, these courageous Americans have woven their rich culture and vibrant heritage into the very fabric of our Nation. Today, the United States is home to the largest number of Korean immigrants of any country in the world. Through their steadfast devotion to family and community and their willingness to serve a cause greater than any one person, the strength and spirit of the Korean American community have propelled this land of opportunity toward a brighter future for all.

Today, Korean Americans continue to enrich our country as entrepreneurs, lawyers, public servants, Service members, and so much more. The Korean American community represents the very best of who we are as a Nation. May we continue to honor these proud Americans for all they have done to strengthen our country for many years to come.

As we celebrate this wonderful occasion, we are reminded of the importance of honoring and reflecting on our roots no matter where we are. The immense contributions of Korean Americans everywhere demonstrate that, in our great Nation, there is nothing beyond our capacity when we work together.



대한민국 대통령 제 19회 미주 한인의 날 기념식

‘제19회 미주 한인의 날’을 진심으로 축하드립니다. 121년의 역사를 품고 있는 미국 한인사회는 이제 260만 명에 달하는 세계 최대 규모의 동포사회로 발전하며, 미국 사회의 핵심 구성원으로 자리 잡았습니다. 4명의 한인 연방하원의원들이 활발한 의정 활동을 이어가고 있고, 다양한 분야에서 많은 동포들이 두각을 드러내고 있습니다. 성실함과 끈기로 한민족의 우수성을 발휘하며 미국 사회 발전과 한미관계 증진에 기여해 오신 동포 여러분께 감사드립니다.



한미동맹 70주년을 맞은 지난해는 양국관계가 새롭게 도약하는 한 해였습니다. 작년 4월 국민 방미를 통해 북한 핵에 대응하여 한미 양국의 확장억제를 확고히 하는 ‘워싱턴 선언’을 발표했고, 더 나아가 ‘글로벌 포괄 전략동맹’의 비전을 구체화하였습니다.

또한, 8월 캠프 데이비드에서 한미일 3국 협력 체계를 출범시키며 세 나라가 공동의 리더십을 발휘하여 인도-태평양 지역의 평화와 번영을 함께 이끌어 나가기로 하였습니다. 이러한 성과들을 바탕으로 한미 양국은 2024년에도 ‘행동하는 동맹(Alliance in Action)’으로서 한미동맹을 더욱 발전 시켜 나갈 것입니다.

한미동맹 발전의 역사는 곧 미주 한인 동포의 발전 역사입니다. 70년간 여러분께서 두 나라 사이의 단단한 연결 고리가 되어주셨던 것처럼, 앞으로도 변함없이 한미동맹 발전과 공동번영을 위해 힘을 보태 주시기 바랍니다.

2024년 갑진년 새해 복 많이 받으시길 바라며, 동포 여러분의 가정에 건강과 행복이 가득하시기를 기원합니다. 감사합니다.

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Dear Friends:

I write to extend my warmest congratulations to the Korean American Foundation-Greater Washington on the celebration of the 19th Korean American Day. I am deeply honored to join in this important celebration of Korean immigration to the United States.

Today, we mark 121 years of Korean American history. Korean immigrants are a vital part of the social fabric of the United States, with a well-earned reputation for hard work, serving our country in uniform, breaking new ground in the arts and sciences, and enriching our nation with vibrant culture and achievement. In Virginia, we are particularly proud to have a thriving Korean American community that is celebrated within the Commonwealth for its numerous successes and remarkable history of entrepreneurship.

Korean American Day is also an important opportunity to reflect on the value and strength of friendship with the Republic of Korea. The ROK-U.S. Alliance is based on mutual respect, goodwill, and a special bond between the people of Korea and veterans who fought in the Korean War. Together, we continue to work for peace, democracy, and stability in the Indo-Pacific and beyond.

I thank the Korean American Foundation-Greater Washington for their excellent work to mark this special day and elevate the accomplishments of the Korean American community and wish them every success for advancing their organization's mission in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Wittman
Member of Congress

CONGRESSMAN ANDY KIM
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NEW JERSEY THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

December 8, 2023



I want to extend my warmest thanks and congratulations to the Korean American Foundation - Greater Washington as you celebrate the 19th anniversary of Korean American Day and for your distinguished service to Korean Americans across the nation.

As the son of Korean immigrants, I recognize and appreciate the unique role that the Korean American Foundation plays in many Korean American lives. This community has a strong history of contributions to the United States as entrepreneurs, business owners, leaders, community organizers, public servants, and more. The work you have done in recognizing and uplifting the accomplishments of the Korean American community as well as connecting people to their Korean American heritage is inspiring.

It is an honor to be the first Asian American Member of Congress to serve the state of New Jersey, and one of only four Korean Americans currently serving in Congress. Being a part of this diverse and exceptional community is likewise a privilege and I look forward to continuing our work together.

Please accept my warmest wishes for an exceptional Korean American Day Celebration. Thank you for all that you have accomplished in supporting Korean Americans, I wish you continued success in achieving your organization's mission.

Sincerely,

Andy Kim
Member of Congress

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January 13, 2024

Dear Friends,

Congratulations on the 19th Korean American Day and 121st anniversary of the first Korean immigrants' arrival to the United States. This is a time to reflect upon the endless contributions the Korean community has made in the United States.

I am honored to represent Koreatown in Los Angeles—home to the largest Korean American population in the United States. The Korean American story is the American story, and that is why I introduced a resolution celebrating and recognizing January 13th as Korean American Day for years to come. I am also proud to have delivered \$7 million in federal funding to build the first Korean American National Museum in the United States at home in Los Angeles. I will keep doing all that I can to ensure our community and future generations remember the significant contributions Korean Americans have made in this country and beyond.

I thank the Korean American Foundation-Greater Washington (KAF-GW) for putting together a lovely event and for your service to Korean Americans across the United States. You encourage and assist Korean Americans to dream, thrive, and prosper. I look forward to continuing to work together to uplift the voices of Korean Americans everywhere.

I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Gomez, Congressman
34th Congressional District

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January 10th, 2024

Dear Friends:

I am honored to welcome guests and participants to this 2024 Korean American Day Celebration. Thank you to the Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington for your hard work in organizing and hosting this celebration.

We are now celebrating 121 years since the arrival of the first Korean immigrants on January 13, 1903. As an immigrant from South Korea myself, I know firsthand the hardships and hurdles many of us have faced embarking on a new path in America.



Through all the challenges they have faced, Korean Americans have come far in achieving the American Dream and contributing to every aspect of American society. The Korean American Foundation has played an integral role in making sure Korean American Day is recognized and I want to thank the Foundation for your efforts.

I am honored to be one of the first Korean American women elected to serve in the United States Congress, and I look forward to working with you to celebrate the contributions of our Korean American community and strengthen the U.S.-ROK alliance. It is an honor to represent you in Congress and best wishes for a successful event!

Sincerely,

Young Kim
Member of Congress, 40th District

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January 10, 2024

Rosa Park
President
Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington

Dear Friends:

Congratulations to the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for hosting its 19th Korean American Day celebration. I wish you continued success!

The first Korean immigrants to the United States arrived on January 13, 1903. Since then, the Korean American community has made many incredible contributions to our nation, serving as leaders in business, government, and the community. It is important that we recognize the community's strength, and I would like to thank the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for organizing and hosting this noteworthy event.

As a proud Korean American, it is heartening to see the growing successes of the Korean American community. I am proud to celebrate and recognize this day with you and look forward to witnessing the vital role Korean Americans will continue to play.

Once again, congratulations and best wishes to everyone involved in making this event a great success. I wish you all the very best in your future endeavors.

Happy Korean American Day!

Sincerely,



Michelle Steel
Member of Congress



Former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia
January 3, 1995 – November 24, 2008
Former Chair of the House Oversight Committee
January 3, 2003 – January 3, 2007
Former Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee
January 3, 1999 – January 3, 2003



Dear Friend,

Greetings on the 19th Korean American Day celebration! Throughout my tenure in Congress, it has been a privilege to closely engage with the Korean Community in Northern Virginia. I am sincerely thankful for the opportunity to have sponsored H.RES 487, successfully passed in the US House of Representatives, in support of US Senate (S. Res. 283) for Korean American Day. Meeting many of you and your families has allowed me to gain insights into the concerns and issues that matter to Korean Americans. The contributions of the Korean American Community have richly enhanced this country, academically, economically and culturally. It was my highest privilege to Sponsor this Resolution May this day serve as a joyous occasion to celebrate your rich history and culture. Rest assured of my ongoing support as you continue to make significant strides in advancing the Korean community here in the United States.

Warm regards,

Tom Davis
Former US Congressman
Virginia

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January 13, 2024

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Dear Friends,

My warmest congratulations to the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington on the celebration of the 19th Annual Korean American Day!

The more than one hundred years of Korean American history exemplify the beauty and strength of diversity in the United States.

New York is home to one of the largest Korean American populations in the United States. I am proud to represent many Korean Americans in my own congressional district—from newly arrived immigrants to those who have called Queens home for generations. This thriving Korean American community has immeasurably enriched our neighborhoods and the greater New York City metropolitan area.

I also commend the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington on all of the work you do to preserve Korean American history and spread cultural awareness in your local area. Thank you also for your partnership in efforts to increase representation and to empower future leaders in the United States.

On this day, I am proud to celebrate our multiracial, multicultural democracy with you all. My best wishes to you all and a happy Korean American Day!

Sincerely,

Grace Meng, Member of Congress

CONGRESSWOMAN MARILYN STRICKLAND
10TH DISTRICT, WASHINGTON



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January 10th, 2024

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Dear Korean American Foundation of the Greater Washington area,

Thank you for the invitation to share my thoughts at your 19th Korean American Day Celebration. January 13th remains a special day for Korean Americans across the nation. Not only does the day commemorate the arrival of the first Korean American immigrants to the United States 121 years ago, but it also serves as an opportunity to honor our heritage and contributions to this country.

As one of the first Korean American women elected to Congress, I know firsthand the value and importance of community organizations like the Korean American Foundation. Through fellowship, philanthropic efforts, and programming, the Korean American Foundation continues to be a vital pillar that Korean Americans in Washington, D.C can rely on.

As the bond between the United States and South Korea continues to grow, I thank you for your work in ensuring that our community prospers. I wish you all a happy Korean American Day.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland
Member of Congress



미주한인회총연합회

The Federation of Korean Associations, U.S.A.

Dear Esteemed Guests,

I am honored and grateful to be able to support the commemoration ceremony of the 121st Anniversary of Korean American Immigration, and 19th Korean American Day in the U.S. Congress - Cannon US House Building in Washington, DC.

Congratulations to Rosa Park and the Korean American Foundation-Greater Washington for our hosting distinguished guests from across the United States, and thank you for bringing us together for this special day.

Today, we honor the courage and dreams of our ancestors who started this journey 121 years ago. Their sacrifices paved the way for our success today, showcasing achievements across various fields with support from the U.S. Congress.

Inspired by our forebears, we must pass on this rich heritage to future generations. Drawing from South Korea's history, let us fortify ourselves against challenges and instill national pride.

Empowering the younger generation is crucial in a world where K-Culture shines. As President of the Federation of Korean Associations U.S.A., I'm committed to trustworthy, inspirational guidance, economic independence, and transparent policies.

The 121st Korean American Immigration marks a new era. Just as a small stream becomes a river, and rivers gather to form an ocean, each of you is vital; we rely on your strength.

Although we are a minority, we can build a better America through harmony and unity with other ethnic groups for the benefit of future generations. I hope that we will build a strong foundation for becoming good neighbors. Let us combine our experience and wisdom, and move forward with resilience.

May the Year of the Blue Dragon bring strength and prosperity to each of your households.
I wish that you a year filled with abundance and success.

Warmest Regards,

The Federation of Korean Associations U.S.A.,
30th President, Tom Chong- Il Suh

Tom Suh

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The 30th Federation of Korean Associations, U.S.A.



GUEST SPEAKERS

Topic : What is the status of Koreans in America?
How can their unique history contribute to American Society and America's global standing?

Speaker : Former Congressman Tom Davis



Fomer Congressman Tom Davis is a Washington, D.C. attorney who focuses his practice on handling a variety of congressional and regulatory affairs, including congressional investigations, land use and legislative strategy. Mr. Davis served 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing the 11th Congressional District of Virginia. He served as chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform from 2003 to 2007, where he led a number of high-profile investigations. In addition, Mr. Davis was elected chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee and served in

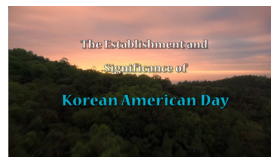
that role from 1999 to 2002. When he joined Congress, Mr. Davis was the first freshman representative in 50 years to hold a subcommittee chairmanship, taking the gavel of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia. While in Congress, Mr. Davis was a chief author of more than 100 pieces of legislation that became law including sponsor of Korean American Day House Resolution 487 in 2005. Mr. Davis also served 14 years as general counsel for a publicly held professional services firm in McLean, Virginia, up until his election to Congress. He currently serves as Rector (chairman of the Board of Visitors) at George Mason University, where he is also a distinguished professor of Public Policy at the Schar School of Policy and Government. In addition, Mr. Davis is a frequent speaker to trade associations, academia and corporations on the workings of Congress and the political environment, and he has traveled to various countries to speak to heads of state about the workings of democracy.

Speaker : Abraham Kim, Ph.D. Executive Director of the Council of Korean Americans (CKA)



Abraham Kim, Ph.D. comes to CKA with 20 years of experience in foreign policy analyses, leadership development and innovation consulting. Previously, Dr. Kim served as Executive Director at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center located on the campus of the University of Montana, where he oversaw 50 staff, faculty and affiliates. During Dr. Kim's tenure, the Center became one of the foremost U.S.-Asia policy and leadership development institutes in the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies region.

Prior to the Mansfield Center, Dr. Kim also served as the Vice President and Interim President of the Korea Economic Institute of America (KEI) in Washington, D.C. In addition, he also functioned as the research manager for government services and principal Asia analyst at the global political risk consulting firm, Eurasia Group. He was a project manager and strategic planner at the Science Application International Corporation (SAIC) and a national security analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C. Dr. Kim was a founding board member of CKA (2011-2013) and served as an adviser/instructor for NetKAL. Dr. Kim is a graduate of Boston University and Harvard University. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia University.



DOCUMENTARY VIDEO

The Establishment and Significance of Korean American Day

Summary

This video traces the history of the establishment and recognition of Korean American Day by the government of the United States in 2005. In 2005, President George W. Bush signed the resolution establishing Jan. 13 as Korean American Day to recognize the contributions Korean Americans have made to society in the United States. Many people worked behind the scenes to make the day a reality including members of the Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington and its predecessor organization, the Korean American community, the government of the Republic of Korea, supporting members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, and President George W. Bush. People who were key to the development of this day are highlighted and interviewed. The significance of the day and its recognition are discussed in the context of the relationship between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea and the importance of recognizing the many contributions of Korean Americans to the artistic, economic, academic, cultural, and governmental elements of American society.

Purpose of this video

The purpose of this video is to record a history of Korean American Day development for current and future generations.

Video Interviewers

George Allen (Former U.S. Senator from VA)

Senator Allen sponsored with other cosponsors the Bill S. Res 283 (109th Congress) establishing Korean American Day. The bill “Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of Korean American Day” was passed on December 16, 2005

Tom Davis (Former U.S. Congressman from VA)

He sponsored with other cosponsors the Bill H. Res 487 (109th Congress) establishing Korean American Day. The bill “Supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day” was passed on October 7, 2005.

Harold Pyon (Chairman of the Korean American Day National Committee)

Sekwon Chong (Founding President of Korean American Foundation-Greater Washington)

Kijoung Cho (South Korea Consul General to the United States from 2023)

Chung Ki Pak (Maryland Chief Administrative Law Judge)

Round Table Discussion Panel: Moderator Harold Pyon

Panel Discussion Topic: *What is the significance of Korean American Day to the Korean American community?*

Panelists: **Abraham Kim, Ph.D.**, Executive Director, Council of Korean Americans, **John Yoo**, CEO, Virginia University of Integrative Medicine and 9th KAF-GW Vice President, **Rosa Park**, 10th President of Korean American Foundation-Greater Washington (KAF-GW), **Go Eun Kang**, CEO, Omni Financial Risk Management Inc., and **Rachel Lee**, founder of the high school K-pop performance dance group “1PICK”.

Credit

Producer: Rosa Park, 10th President, Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington

Director and Editor: Michelle Lee, 9th President, Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington

Production Advisory Committees: Harold Pyon (Chair), Sekwon Chong, Byungwook Yoon

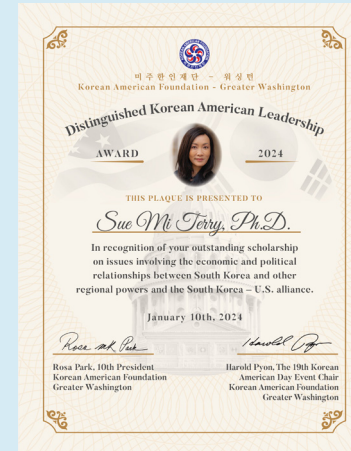
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Distinguished Korean American Leadership Award 2024

Sue Mi Terry, Ph.D.



Dr. Sue Mi Terry received her doctoral degree from the Fletcher School at Tufts University in International Relations. After graduating, Dr. Terry worked for the U.S. federal government for 10 years as a CIA Senior Intelligence Analyst for the Korean Peninsula. She also served as the Director of Korea, Japan, and Oceania at the National Security Council under Presidents Bush and Obama, and as the Deputy National Intelligence Officer for East Asia at the National Intelligence Council.

Dr. Terry has conducted extensive research on North Korea and South Korea’s economic and political relationships with the U.S. and regional powers. She is currently researching Korean unification and North Korean strategic plans. She has been a scholar at Columbia University, and has lectured at Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, Tufts, University of Chicago, and Seoul National Universities. She has been in numerous leadership positions including as the Director of the Asia Program at the Wilson Center. She has written for many prominent publications including Foreign Affairs, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and Korea’s Chosun Ilbo newspaper. Her expert analysis is reported in media outlets around the world, including the U.S., Korea, Japan, and China.

Recently, Dr. Terry produced the documentary film Beyond Utopia, which has been shortlisted for the upcoming 96th Academy Awards. The film has already been invited to many prominent international film festivals and won numerous awards, including at the Sundance Film Festival. In conclusion, Dr. Terry is a very successful role model for the Korean American community. We are honored to present to her the Distinguished Korean American Leadership Award for 2024.

Award of Appreciation

Myoseon Kim



Myoseon Kim was a Certified Instructor of Korean Intangible Cultural Heritage Seungmoo (2008 – 2012). She was also an Exchange Professor at UCLA, Department of Ethnomusicology. She is currently the Chief Art Director of Myoseon Kim Dance Company. She has been awarded the Korean National Order of Cultural Merit Medal, the Presidential Award for the Competition of traditional cultural performance, Grand Prize at the 33rd Korean Traditional Music Awards, and Cultural Merit Award at the 2016 Korean Wave Awards. We would like to extend our deep appreciation for her dedicated contribution to Korean Community in Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area.

2024 19th Korean American Day Celebration Program

Ceremony and Lunch Wednesday, Jan. 10, 11am-1pm
Caucus Room 390 in the Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Moderator Hannah Kim

• **Introduction by Moderator**

121st year of Korean immigration history and KAF-GW organization

• **Opening Announcement** by **Sekwon Chong**, Founding President of KAF-GW

• **National Anthems** Soprano **Kee Sun Kwon**

• **Opening Prayer** **Rev. Daniel Shinjong Baeq¹**, Senior Pastor of Bethel Church

• **Welcoming Remarks** **Harold Pyon**, 19th Event Chairperson and Chairman of
National Korean American Day Committee

• **Greeting** **Rosa Park²**, 10th President of KAF-GW

• **Greeting** **Eun Ae Lee³**, Board Chairperson, KAF-GW

• **VIP Introductions** Moderator

• **Video Documentary Highlights**

“*The Establishment of Korean American Day in the United States*” Presented by **Harold Pyon⁴**

• **Presidential Congratulation Message (Read letter)**

Suk Yeol Yoon, President of the Republic of Korea

• **Congratulatory Remarks**



Minister and Consul General, Korean Embassy **Kijoung Cho⁵**

U.S. Congressman **Rob Wittman (VA)⁶**

Former U.S. Congressman **Tom Davis (VA)⁷**

U.S. Congresswoman **Michelle Steel (CA)⁸**

U.S. Congresswoman **Marilyn Strickland (WA)⁹**

U.S. Congressman **Jimmy Gomez (CA)¹⁰**

Chief Administrative Law Judge of Maryland **Chung Ki Pak¹¹**

President of the Federation of Korean Associations USA, **Jeong-il Seo¹²**



• **Speakers**

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Tom Davis¹³, Law Partner in Holland & Knight’s Washington, D.C.. U.S. Congressman (VA) 1995 –2008. Sponsor of Korean American Day House Resolution 487 in 2005.



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• **Documentary Film Introduction**

by **Sue Mi Terry, Ph.D.** (via video)

“*Beyond Utopia*”

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• **Distinguished Korean American Leadership Award 2024**

Presented to **Sue Mi Terry, Ph.D.¹⁵**

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• **Scholarship Awards**

Awardee **Rachel Lee** presented by **Eun Ae Lee**

Awardee **Juhang Lee** presented by **Dr. David Sohn**

• **Performances Korean Traditonal Dance**

1. **Salpuri Chum (5mins) : Myo Seon Kim¹⁶, Soo Kyoung Jung**

Salpuri-Chum is an artistic performance that resolves the people’s sorrow. In many cases, it is a form of sublimation. It is also an effort to transform the pain of reality into beauty, based on the Korean people’s characteristic merriment. It presents itself, then, as a form of immanence. Moreover, Salpuri-Chum is unique in its use of a piece of white fabric. The fabric, as a symbol of the Korean people’s ego ideal, signifies Salpuri-Chum’s focus as a dance for resolving their misfortunes.

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2. **Hwaraengi Chum (5mins) : Soo Kyoung Jung¹⁷, Gawon Lee¹⁸, Sukwon Lee¹⁹**

It is a men’s dance performed to the Gyeonggi-do Jinsoe rhythm. It is said that when the county was happy or had a good harvest, the king would invite the magistrates of each region, provide a feast, and have the magistrates dance.

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• **Award of Appreciation** presented to **Myo Seon Kim**

• **Group Picture** All

• **Lunch and Social Networking** 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

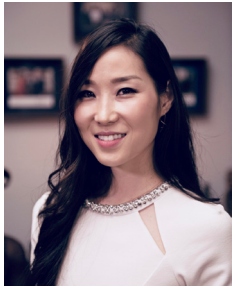
• **Display: Minhwa, Hanbok and Korean American Immigration Pictures**



Rev. Daniel Shinjong Baeq, Ph.D. Opening Prayer

Since the early age of 13, Pastor Baeq has pursued and received various ministry training. He came to America in 1998. He worked as a missionary prior to serving at several local churches, and became Bethel's senior pastor in Spring 2015. He is a graduate from Chung-Ang University (B.A.), Chongshin University Graduate School of Theology (M.Div), Fuller Theological Seminary (Th.M.), and received Doctor of Missiology (Ph.D.) at Trinity International University. He also currently serves as Ambassador of Lausanne Movement, president of Korean American Food for the Hungry International and former member of Advisory Committee on Religious Affairs, the State of Maryland.

MODERATOR AND PERFORMERS



Hannah Y. Kim Moderator

Hannah Y. Kim is a grateful pastor's kid, committed to public service and serving the Korean community. Personally, she founded Remember727 to honor Korean War veterans and promote peace on the Peninsula. She completed a worldwide and nationwide journey across 30 countries and all 50 states plus 4 US territories to thank and interview 1200 Korean War veterans. Professionally, she was appointed in the Biden-Harris Administration as the Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the US Department of Health and Human Services, where she also served as the Strategic Advisor for the COVID-19 Public Education Campaign. She also was the AA and NHPI Policy Advisor at the White House Office and the Chief of Staff and Communications Director to US Congressman Charles Rangel.



Keesun Kwon Soprano

Soprano **Keesun Kwon** has appeared as a soloist for the Millennium Stage Concert and the Hines-Lee Opera Ensemble at the Kennedy Center. She made her New York debut at Carnegie Hall. Ms. Kwon received her Doctoral degree in Musical Arts from the Catholic University of America, her Bachelor of Music degree from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University and pursued her Masters of Education from Columbia University in New York. She is an award winner from the Gerda Lissner Foundation and a recipient of a Peabody Career Development Grant. Among her notable performances, Ms. Kwon was invited to sing for former South Korean President Jae-in Moon during his official 2017 visit to the United States and at the 21st Annual Holocaust Remembrance Program at Lincoln Theater in Washington, D.C. She has been praised by the Washington Post and the Washington Times for her performances.



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Soo Kyung Jung

Soo Kyung Jung is Director of DI DIM SAE Korean Traditional Art Institute, a Korean National Intangible Asset #27 Seungmu in Washington, D.C. Training Center Instructor, and was a Fairfax High School Korean Dance / Korean Drum Teacher. She was the winner of the 12th International Asian Art Competition Prime Minister's Award.



Gawon Lee

Ga Won Lee is currently attending the Graduate School of Art, Chung-Ang University after graduated from Dongduk Women's University, Seoul, South Korea with Dance major. She is a general manager of Myoseon Kim's Ballim Dance Troupe. She is one of the National Intangible Cultural Heritage Seungmu Inheritors. She received the 48th Jeonju Daesaseupnori Dance General Division second prize, the Excellence Award at the 11th Incheon Korean Traditional Music Festival and the Special prize at the 8th Ubong Imaebang Dance National Dance Contest.



Sukwon Lee

Sukwon Lee graduated from Chung-Ang University Department of Performance and Visual Creation. He is Secretary General of Ubong Imaebang Dance Preservation Association. He is one of the National Intangible Cultural Heritage Seungmu Inheritors. He received the Ubong Lee Maebang National Dance Contest Grand Prize (Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism Award). He has appeared at the Korean Cultural Heritage Foundation Special Performance featured in Seungmu.



제 19회 미주 한인의 날 기념 축전 및 문화행사

Bethel Korean Presbyterian Church, Saturday, January 13, 2024 | 4:00 PM -6:00 PM

3165 St. Johns Ln., Ellicott City

사회자 심 현 지

Part 1. 기 념 식

- 소개 심현지
- 행사 개최 선언 이은애 이사장 미주한인재단-워싱턴 이사회
- 국가 제창 미국 국가, 한국 국가
- 개회기도 백신종 목사 베엘 교회 담임 목사
- 대회장 인사 Harold Pyon 19회 행사 대회장
- 환영인사 박로사 10대 미주한인재단-워싱턴 회장
- 대통령 축하 대한민국 대통령 윤석열 축하 (조기중 워싱턴 총영사 대독)
미국 대통령 Joe Biden (박충기 메릴랜드 주 행정법원장 대독)
- 귀빈 축하 박충기 메릴랜드 주 행정법원장 / 마크 장 메릴랜드 주 하원의원 / 헬렌 윈 메릴랜드 한인회장
- 감사장 수여 박로사 회장 | Harold Pyon 준비위원장
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- 영상 시청 Documentary Film Introduction by Sue Mi Terry, Ph.D. (via video) “Beyond Utopia”

Part 2. 문 화 공 연

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- Sop. KeeSun Kwon / Pianist Kathryn Locke
Lascia ch’io Pianga (from the opera Rinaldo) G.F. Handel
Ouvre ton coeur Georges Bizet
그리움 조두남
울산 아가씨 경상도 민요
Till There Was You (from The Music Man) Meredith Wilson
My Hero (from the operetta “The Chocolate Soldier”) Oscar Straus
Libiamo ne’lieti calici (from the opera “La Traviate”) G. Verdi / Soprano KeeSun Kwon & Baritone YounSoo
- Maryland Christian Choir | Music Director: Dr. Youngsoo Ahn / Accompanist: Seong Lee
There is none like you 주님과 같이
Since Christ my soul from sin set free 내 영혼이 은총 입어
My hope is built on noth-ing les 이 몸의 소망 무언가

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- 기원무 Giwonmu [정수경, 이가원, 이석원]
우봉 이매방 선생의 기원무는 국태민안을 위한 축원무로서 궁중의 복식을 입고 중우하고 화려한 느낌으로 추는 춤으로 경기무속 장단에 맞추어 안무한 춤이다.
- 어메이징 그레이스 / 고향의 봄 [그레이스 트리오 Grace Trio]
한승유 cello 6학년 / 한선유 violin 8학년 <피바디 예비학교(Peabody Preparatory) 재학중> / 김효진 piano 피바디 예비학교 반주자 (Peabody Preparatory accompanist)
- 매화잠 Maehwajam (안무 노현식 Hyun Sik ROH) [이가원, 이석원]
작품 “매화잠”은 퇴계 이황과 두향의 슬픈 사랑이야기를 모티브로 하여 ‘백악지장(百樂之丈)’, 즉 모든 악기의 으뜸이라 불리우는 거문고의 선율과 명무 이매방 선생님의 사풍정감을 근간으로 구성한 작품이다.
- 메가드럼 Mega Drum [디딤새 한국 전통 예술원]
전통 타악의 현재와 미래가 공존하는 작품으로 역동적인 우리 민족의 기상을 전통 가락과 현대적인 가락의 조화 속에서 다같이 어우러지는 신나는 놀이 난장의 큰 판을 표했하였고, 사물놀이 전통가락을 현대적인 리듬 구성으로 새롭게 창작한 대중적인 작품입니다.
- 화랭이춤 Hwalaengi Chum [정수경, 이가원, 이석원]
국가의 민심과 혼란을 잠재우는 국태민안의 기원하고, 마을의 안녕과 부귀를 빌어주는 추원을 모두 관장하는 화랭이의 다양한 춤사위와 가락을 바탕으로 국수호는 화랭이춤을 지었다.
- 김묘선류 소고춤 SogoChum [김묘선, 정수경, 이가원, 이석원]
일명 매굿이라고 불리는 소고춤은 오랜 역사속에 마당에서 노는 축제적 성격을 띤 멋과 흥이 어우러져 각 지방마다 특색을 갖고 전해 내려왔으며 구거리, 자진모리, 동살풀이, 휘모리 등 장단을 치면서 춤을 풀어나가는 농악에서의 벅구놀이 형태의 민속무용으로 특히 대삼소삼 호흡이 분명한 김묘선류의 독특한 소고놀이는 흥을 돋구어 신명으로 끌어낸다.
- IPICK K-POP Dance : Rachel Lee, Janice Chen, Aisha Calloway, Noelle Owens, Dina Cheng, Dana Nguyen, Shahd Mohamed

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Soprano KeeSun Kwon 권기선

received her Doctoral degree in Musical Arts from the Catholic University of America, her Bachelor of Music degree from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University and pursued her Masters of Education from Columbia University in New York. She is an award winner from the Gerda Lissner Foundation and a recipient of a Peabody Career Development Grant. She is represented by McFaMi Artist Management.



Baritone Dr. Youngsoo An 안영수

has given performances in the prestigious concert halls of Germany, Japan, South Korea and United States, including Carnegie Hall, John F. Kennedy Center, Delaware Opera House, Baltimore Lyric Opera House, Shriver Hall, Seoul Arts Center Opera House, Daegu Opera House and Sejong Center for the Performing Arts. His awards include the CAI International Virtuoso Competition(first prize), Concert Artists Maestro Competition(first prize, Outstanding), Boulder International Vocal Competition and Charles M. Eaton Prize in Voice at Peabody. Dr. An received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He is the music director at Maryland Christian Choir and the Director of Vocal Activities at Concert Artists International.



Kim Myoseon 김묘선

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The Grace Trio 그레이스 트리오

comprising pianist Hyojin Kim and her two sons, Sunyou Han on the violin, and Seungyou Han on the cello, initiated their chamber music pursuits in 2020 within a church chamber team. They have presented a diverse repertoire, spanning from hymns to classical compositions, to their neighbors. Pianist Kim earned a Diplom from the Freiburg Musik Hochschule and Konzertexamen at the Leipzig Musik Hochschule in Germany. Sunyou currently serves as a concertmaster at the Young Artist Orchestra (YAO) and actively participates as a violist at the Peabody Preparatory. Seungyou holds the position of co-principal cellist at YAO and has won awards at numerous music competitions. Additionally, they are members of the Howard County Middle School Gifted and Talented Orchestra.



Di Dim Sae Korean Traditional Art Institute 디딤새한국전통예술원

Di Dim Sae Korean Traditional Art Institute is a non-profit organization that was established to teach and perform Korean traditional dance and music. The group strives to enrich and preserve the cultural arts integral to Korea’s profound history as a nation. Led by director Soo Kyung Jung, the group performs primarily in Northern Virginia. They are a widely known and highly acclaimed group of Korean traditional performers in the area. Their appearances have included a performance at the White House for the Lunar New Year celebration. The ensemble has many performance styles in their repertoire, such as the Samulnori and Nanta drum percussion, as well as Seungmu and Salpuri traditional dance.



IPICK

is a high school K-Pop dance group created by their lead Rachel Lee. This team is under the direction of the Korean American Association of the State of Maryland President HyunSook Cho. Rachel Lee, Min Kim, Janice Chen, Caitlyn An, Dina Cheng

Outstanding Leadership Award 2024

Susan C. Lee



Secretary of State of Maryland **Susan Lee** was appointed to her position on February 13, 2023. She was elected to the Maryland State Senate in 2014 after serving in the Maryland House of Delegates of the Maryland General Assembly from 2002 to 2015. She is an attorney and was Senate Majority Whip, a Member of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, and Chairwoman of the Maryland Legislative Asian American & Pacific Islander Caucus. She is also the first Asian American elected to the Maryland State Senate. Susan Lee was the Lead Senate Sponsor of the Maryland Equal Pay for Equal Work Act and has been a leader in passing laws to fight domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, home invasions, cyber and online crimes, identity theft and to promote cyber security. She is also a champion of legislation to advance excellence in education, clean environment, affordable and quality health care, and mass transit. We are honored to present to her the Outstanding Leadership Award for 2024.

Outstanding Korean American Leadership Award 2024

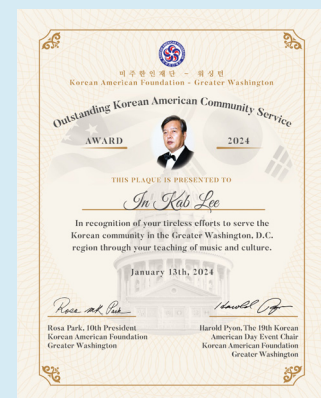
Chung K. Pak



Chung K. Pak was appointed as Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings on June 9, 2020. He became Maryland's third Chief Administrative Law Judge responsible for managing the office of Administrative Hearings, including its approximately 58 administrative law judges who conduct fair and timely hearings on over 500 different case types from over 30 state agencies. Prior to this appointment, he served as an Administrative Patent Judge with the U.S. Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) and as a Corporate Patent Counsel for Praxair, Inc. and Union Carbide Corporation. As a PTAB Judge, he adjudicated over 6000 patent cases involving a wide variety of complex technology and legal issues and personally wrote over 2000 opinions eligible for appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He received his JD from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. We are honored to present to him the **Outstanding Korean American Leadership Award** for 2024.

Outstanding Korean American Community Service Award 2024

In Kab Lee



In Kab Lee was born in Kimpo in South Korea. He received his Bachelor Degree from Hanyang University in Seoul. He immigrated to the United States in 2000. In Kab Lee has been active in educating and serving the Korean community in the Greater Washington, D.C. region for over 20 years. While serving as Vice President of the CBS Washington branch and representative of WGM-TV, he contributed to delivering information and cultivating knowledge to Koreans in the local community through broadcasts on two cable TV channels in Maryland and Virginia. As a social educator, he has been teaching seniors for 15 years. Currently, Mr. Lee is teaching at Bethel Senior Academy, Philipian Cultural Education Center, Howard County Senior Citizens Association, Washington Korean Community Center, and the 'Sangnok' group. As a founding member of the Maryland Christian Choir, he serves as the Director and is serving the community through the activities of the Choir. We are honored to present to In Kab Lee the **Outstanding Korean American Community Service Award** for 2024.



Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington Scholarship Awards

Scholarships will be awarded to young Korean Americans based on recommendations submitted to the Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington. Our decisions are based on their scholarly activities and their contributions to the Korean American community. The scholarship fund is supported by our generous contributors and sponsors.

2024 Scholarship Awardees:



Yeongwon Kim

My name is Yeongwon Kim, a missionary child from Cambodia. I have lived there for 17 years starting from a young age of 2. Currently, I am majoring in Criminology at Calvin University as a junior. My vision is to become an international police officer because I want to help and support missionaries in the mission field who are struggling with injustice and corruption. I am grateful to be able to receive this scholarship because I was struggling with the tuition last year and wasn't able to fully pay my college even after working. Once again thank you!



Joohyang Joanna Chang

My name is Joohyang Joanna Chang, and I am a first-year pre-med student at the University of Maryland, College Park, majoring in Cell Biology and Genetics. As an honors ambassador for my Integrated Life Sciences Honors Program, I branched out my network and input my knowledge while welcoming incoming students and families to UMD. As a National Honor Society member and volunteering for Korean-American-led organizations, I served our community with whom I shared my Korean-American values. These experiences transformed me into the hardworking, respectful, and welcoming woman I am today. In the future, I plan to become a dermatopathologist since I have developed a curiosity about skin biology.



Rachel Lee

Rachel Lee is the founder of the high school K-pop performance dance group 1PICK, which has consisted of students in the DMV area. She has promoted Korean culture by leading 1PICK into performing at many important events. The members diverse ethnicities consists of Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, and African Americans. She makes an effort to promote Korean culture. She is also a K-pop dance YouTuber. She is an achiever in academics as well, as she is a member in the national honor society. She has received many presidential and leadership awards for her ambitious service towards the Korean American community in the DMV.



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January, 2024

This year we are celebrating the 19th Korean American Day and the 121st anniversary of Korean immigrants to the U.S. We are hosting a ceremony and lunch at Cannon Caucus room on Jan. 10 and a public cultural event at Bethel Korean Presbyterian Church in Maryland on Jan. 13.

The ceremony and lunch features remarks by distinguished speakers and U.S. Congress members including former Congressman Tom Davis of Virginia and Abraham Kim, Ph.D.

We are grateful and honored to present the Distinguished Korean American Leader Award to Sue Mi Terry, Ph.D. as a successful role model for the Korean American community at our event. We also requested Dr. Terry to discuss Beyond Utopia, an award winning documentary video she produced.

At the public cultural event, performances include K-classical by Soprano Keesun Kwon, the Korean Christian Chorus group, Korean traditional dance performances by high-profile artists from South Korea (Myo Seon Kim, Gawon Lee. and Sukwon Lee), and other local artists.

Our goal is to celebrate the remarkable achievements of Korean Americans and the Korean culture and to celebrate with the Korean and American community. We also wished to express our gratitude for all that America has done for us, to welcome us into their country, and to allow us to be free and prosper. We hope that through dedication to our work and the community we as Korean Americans will continue to make America and the world a better place for all to live peacefully.

Michelle Lee
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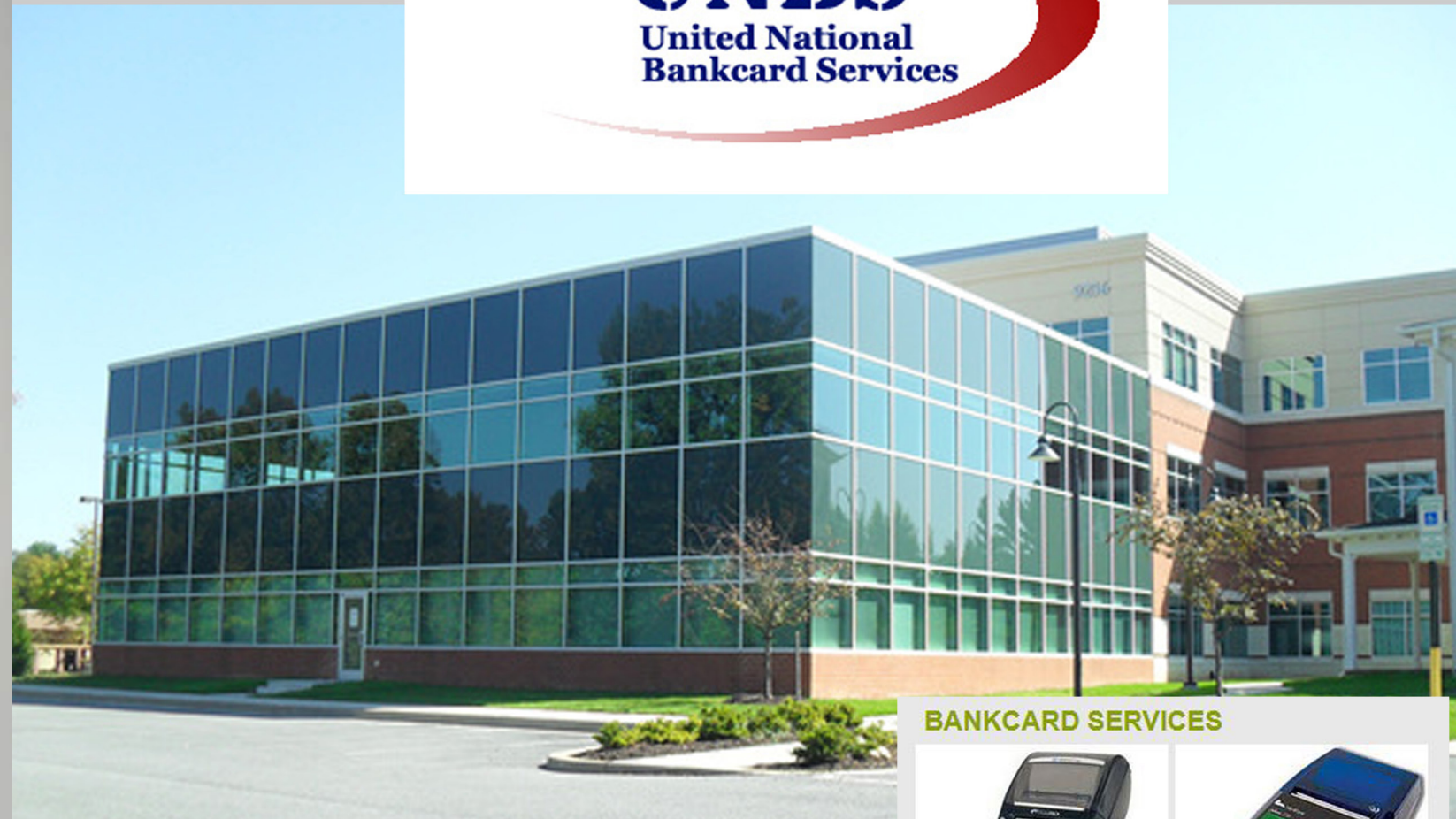
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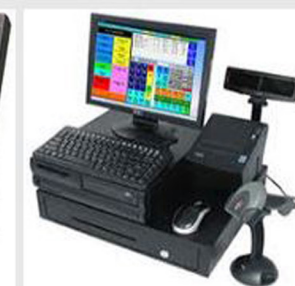
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Establishment

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.

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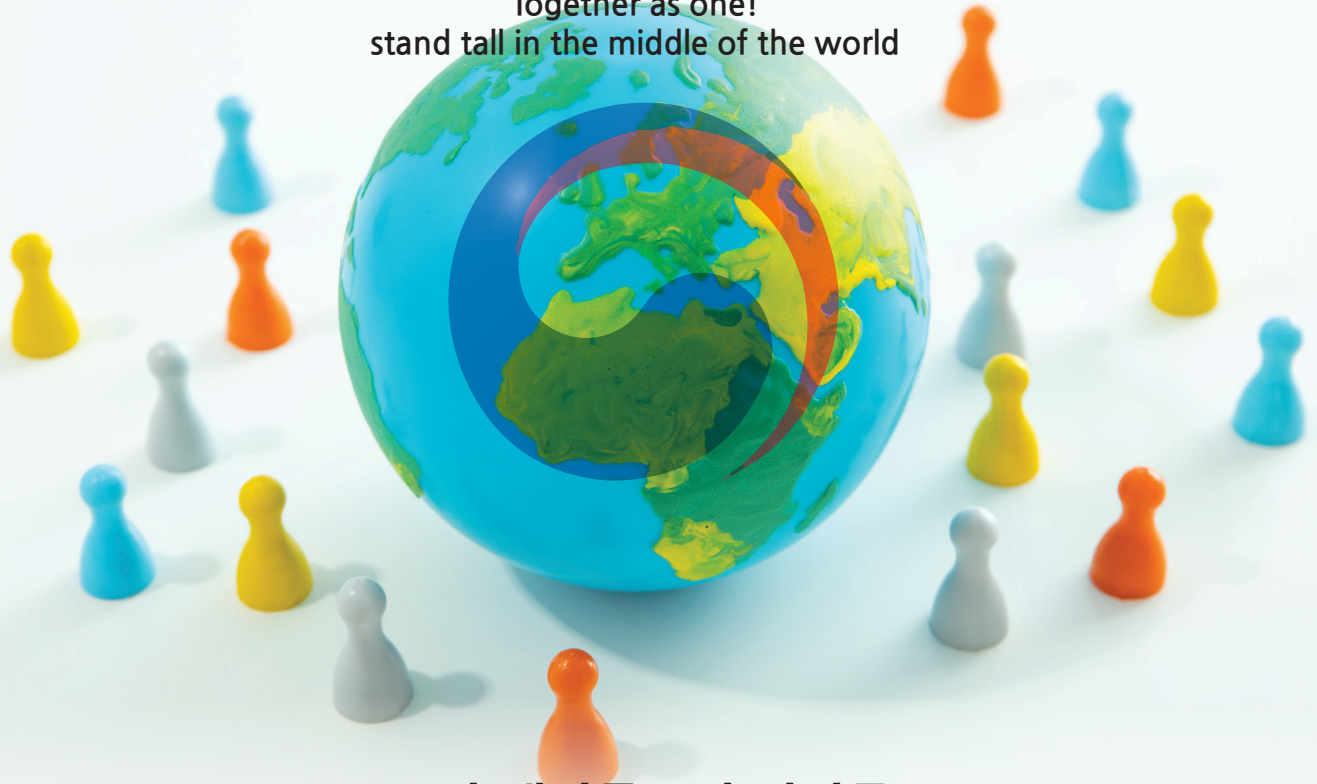
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