Korean Honor Society

A Message from Jeeyoung Ahn Ha and Mijeong Kim

Since the official launch of the Korean Honor Society (KHS) in November 2013, the KHS has grown continuously in terms of the number of chapters and members across the country and there are 206 new inductees this year. During the 2017-2018 academic year, the number of KHS chapters increased to fifteen with the addition of four new chapters: the **Deep Rooted Tree** (Chapter #12) at Milpitas High School in Milpitas, CA; the **Hongik Chapter** (Chapter #13) at John F. Kennedy High School in La Palma, CA; the **Nuri Bom** (Chapter #14) at Centreville High School, Clifton, VA; and the **Yoo, Gwan-Sun Chapter** (Chapter #15) at Shermano Oaks Center for Enriched Studies, Tarzana, CA. The complete list of KHS chapters and faculty sponsors can be found at the KHS website.

We are very excited about each chapter's achievements this year and would like to extend special thanks to all the faculty sponsors for their dedication and hard work. Additionally, we sincerely thank Dr. Sahee Kang, the AATK president, Ms. Sunyoung Kim, the KLTA-USA president, as well as the AATK officers and board members for their continued support for the KHS. We also express sincere gratitude towards the KLTA-USA members of the KHS Committees—Ms. Eunice Lee, Ms. Eunjung Kim, Dr. Hyunjoo Kwon, Ms. Jisun Kwon, and Ms. Heather Yoo —for their review of the inductee and chapter applications. Finally, we thank Dr. Mina Lee for taking care of all financial and certificate-related matters.

New Developments

The KHS provides each chapter with an official banner design to be used for various events. Along with the official KHS banner design, the KHS logo is sent to each chapter to be used in the creation of KHS chapter t-shirts. We would like to thank Ms. Jeeyoung Ahn Ha for overseeing this process.

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The Certificate of Excellence is awarded to outstanding KHS student inductees for their excellent leadership and distinguished service. Twelve students were awarded Certificates this year at each chapter's respective induction ceremony.

Information regarding the KHS Induction program and Induction Ceremony as well as all forms can be found on the official KHS website: http://www.aatk.org/web/KHS. Any schools and teachers who are interested in starting KHS chapters can access all necessary information and application documents on the KHS website.

KHS Committee

As of June 2018, Ms. Jeeyoung Ahn Ha and Dr. Hyungjoo Kwon will end their terms as an AATK-KHS Committee member and an KLTA-KHS member, respectively. The KHS committee is grateful for their exemplary work, selfless dedication, and tireless effort for the KHS program. We also welcomed Dr. Mijeong Kim (2017-2020), who was elected as an incoming AATK board member and a new liaison between the KHS Committee and the AATK in 2017. As for new liaisons between the KHS Committee, the KLTA, and the AATK, one of the newly elected AATK board members and a newly elected KLTA-AATK board member at the 2018 AATK Annual Conference and Workshop will join the KHS Committee.

Chapter Highlights

Here are some of the highlights from a few KHS chapters' accomplishments and activities, demonstrating their dedication and commitment.

King Sejong Chapter (Chapter #001. Faculty Sponsor: Ms. Jane Cho) at Palisade Park Jr./Sr. High School

KHS Induction Ceremony (April. 25th. 2018): 11 students at Palisades Park High School were inducted and it has 30 KHS members. The KHS members at King Sejong Chapter provided assistance to students in the peer-tutoring program throughout the school year, helped write and collect letters for the Bergen academies teacher accused of making anti-Korean comments, which were sent to the Korean-American Association of New Jersey in November, 2017, and volunteered at the Korean New Year Food Festival with traditional Korean games and activities in February, 2018.

2018 Hope concert; The KHS assisted the Hope Club's scholarship fundraiser by singing Christmas carols and collecting donations for the community in December, 2017 and June 2018.

Shin Saimdang Chapter (Chapter #003. Faculty Sponsor: Ms. Song Johnston) at Fairfax Academy for Communications & the Arts

During the holiday season, Korean Honor Society raised money for Direct Relief to aid the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Students sold candy canes and raised $782.41, donating the funds to Direct Relief in January.

On March 2nd, 2018, Korean Honor Society performed fan-dancing, Samulnori, K-Pop Dancing, Taekwondo, and Nanta in Fairfax High School's annual International Festival.

Korean Honor Society had an opportunity to perform at the City of Fairfax's annual Spotlight on the Arts Festival. Korean culture was shared through the sampling of traditional foods and visitors were informed of what the practice of fan dancing, Samulnori, K-Pop dancing, Taekwondo, and Nanta were along with their significance and beauty as a performance art.

Students were recognized for their dedication towards the Korean Honors Society and acceptance into the National Korean Honors Society on May 17th, 2018 during the induction ceremony.

Dae Han Min Guk Chapter (Chapter #005. Faculty Sponsor: Ms. Soo Park) at Lowell High School

A group of enthusiastic students taking Korean dressed up in the traditional hanbok to represent Korea's culture at World Cultural Fair Fashion Show on March 23, 2018. Six to seven students wore the fancy hanboks to walk across the stage and show off the beauty to the whole school.

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A group of nine girls choreographed their own dance with popular Korean pop songs at World Cultural Fair on March 23th, 2018. This group of girls worked very hard for a month to incorporate several dances from several well-known songs into one smooth performance.

On April 19, 2018, students learned how to make Kimbap and created their own. They cooked and brought ingredients. They made many rolls of kimbap while having fun with their friends.

Admiral Yi Sun-Shin Chapter (Chapter #008. Faculty Sponsor: Ms. Esther Kim) at Palos Verdes High School

KHS students collaborated with Palos Verdes Public Library and supported the DIA & DRUMS event with presentation and Samulnori performance on April 27th, 2018.

KHS students participated and supported PVHS Diversity Week and Food Fair on April 25th, 2018.

KHS collaborated with ASB to organize a SAWL(Suwon Academy of World Language) visit to PVHS on May 07th, 2018.

KHS organized a Lunar New Year event on February 21st, 2018. PVHS Sea King park was filled with PVHS students and staff and all students enjoyed Korean bbq bowls and games.

Hwa Rang Chapter (Chapter #011. Faculty Sponsor: Ms. Eunjung Kim) at Bronx Preparatory High School

In 2017, twelve Korean Honor Society students were first inducted in Hwa Rang chapter, BPHs, and on May 24th, 2018, seventeen new KHS members were inducted.

Bronx Prep High School is a network school of Democracy Prep Public School and we had the annual Korean Street Festival in Harlem, New York on May 19th, 2018. BPHS, specially the KHS members, participated in all activities and led the activity of Chopstick Challenge, which all DP communities and neighbors enjoyed a lot.

For celebration of another successful year, BPHS invited all KHS members and other excellent students including all staff members to the Korean BBQ party.

Nuri Bom Chapter (Chapter #014. Faculty Sponsor: Ms. Patricia Yu) at Centreville High School

On April 6, 2018, the Centreville High School (CVHS) Korean Honor Society, Nuri Bom, performed Korean drums called Nanta during the CVHS International Night at Centreville High School in Fairfax County.

Yoo Gwan-Sun Chapter (Chapter #015. Faculty Sponsor: Ms. Regina Pak) at Sherman Oaks CES

On February 16, 2018 and February 21, 2018, the KHS members participated in Korean Lunar New Year Celebration. Each member was in charge of different stations and led the group presentation to invited guests.

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Timeline for KHS Chapter and Membership Application

If interested in establishing a new KHS chapter or continuing with KHS activities during the next academic year, please refer to the 2018-2019 timeline for KHS applications below.

Dates	**New Chapters**	**Existing Chapters**
February 15	Submit completed applications for a new KHS chapter and KHS membership online	Submit a completed application for KHS membership online
March 15	Receive notification of the review results (chapter and membership) via email	Receive notification of the review results (membership) via email
April 10	Submit chapter and membership fees via mail	Submit membership fees via mail
April 30	Receive chapter and membership certificates and induction materials via mail	Receive membership certificates and induction materials via mail
June 30	Submit an annual report online	

You can download application forms and obtain more information about the Korean Honor Society at our website (http://www.aatk.org/web/KHS). If you have any questions about the KHS, please send an email to khs.klta@aatk.org. We look forward to your correspondence and another great year!