

Korean Honor Society

A Message from Jeeyoung Ahn Ha and Haewon Cho

It has been four years since the official launch of the Korean Honor Society (KHS) in November 2013, and the KHS continues to grow and improve. The total number of students inducted into the KHS is constantly growing; we have 170 new inductees this year, which is about a 50% increase from 2016's 114 inductees. Likewise, the number of KHS chapters increased to eleven with four new chapters this year: the **Admiral Yi Sun-Shin Chapter** (Chapter #008) at Palos Verdes High School in Palos Verdes Estates, CA; the **Peninsular Korean Chapter** (Chapter #009) at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School in Rolling Hills Estates, CA; the **Hangeul Sarang Chapter** (Chapter #010) at La Canada High School, La Canada, CA; and the **Hwa Rang Chapter** (Chapter #011) at Bronx Preparatory Charter School, Bronx, NY. Please find a full list of KHS chapters and faculty sponsors along with the list of new KHS inductees at our KHS website.

We are very excited about each chapter's impressive achievements, and extend special thanks to all faculty sponsors for their hard work in coordinating KHS chapter events and activities for inductees. Their work allows inductees to explore their intellectual interests and donate their talents to various events and service activities. In addition, we sincerely thank Dr. Sahee Kang, the AATK president, Ms. Sunyoung Kim, the KLTA-USA president, and AATK officers and board members for their continuous support. Likewise, we extend a sincere thank you to the KLTA-USA members of the KHS Committees—Ms. Jane Cho, Ms. Eunice Lee, Ms. Eunjung Kim, and Dr. Hyunjoo Kwon—for their thorough and careful review of materials, as well as Dr. Mina Lee for mailing certificates and souvenirs with efficiency. Last but not least, we very much appreciate Mr. Soonbo Han and Dr. Andrew Byun's assistance for the KHS website (<http://www.aatk.org/web/KHS>)!

New Developments

We are pleased to let you know that there have been new additions and updates in terms of KHS logistics. First, a KHS banner design was created and sent to each KHS chapter to be used in various KHS events. We would like to thank Ms. Jeeyoung Ahn Ha for her initiation and meticulous coordination of this banner production, and Ms. Lindsey Jeanne Bahn (an Advertising & Design team leader of the Korean Students Association at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) for her assistance for the design.



Secondly, the Certificate of Excellence has been created to recognize an outstanding KHS inductee for excellent leadership and distinguished service, given at each school. Nine students were awarded this year, and those students were awarded with the Certificate at the induction ceremony.

Thirdly, a Frequently Asked Questions page has been added to the KHS webpage to answer questions commonly asked by the potential KHS chapters and provide information on the KHS Induction program and Induction Ceremony checklist. Now, those interested in starting KHS chapters can access all necessary information and application documents at the KHS webpage.

KHS Committee

As of June 2017, Ms. Haewon Cho will end her term as an AATK-KHS Committee member, and Ms. Jane Cho, who served as the inaugural KLTA-USA members of the KHS Committees, will also end her terms. The KHS committee thanks both for their outstanding work, selfless dedication, and tireless effort to build the foundation and framework of KHS at the initial stage and develop it into a fully scaled program in just four years! The current KHS would not have been possible without their commitment and service. We also welcome Ms. Ji-Sun Kwon and Ms. Heather Yoo as the new KLTA-KHS Committee members. As for a new liaison between the KHS Committee and the AATK, one of the newly elected AATK board members at the 2017 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



13 new members were inducted at the KHS Induction Ceremony on April 12th, 2017.

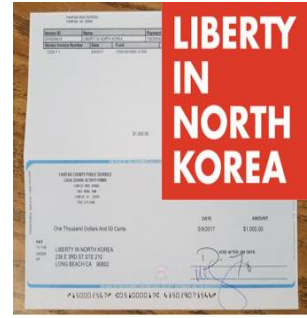


All KHS members took a group photo at this year's KHS Induction Ceremony.



KHS students participated in the Hope Club Fundraising Event in June 2016.

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



On March 3, 2017, Fairfax High School held its annual International Festival, in which various culture clubs and cultural student organizations at the school participate. Korean Honor Society's Fan-dancing, Samulnori, K-Pop Dancing, Taekwondo, and Nanta groups performed in the event. This year was the first time the Taekwondo and Nanta groups performed in the event.

During the holiday season in December 2016, Korean Honor Society raised money for Liberty in North Korea (LiNK). Students sold candy canes and raised \$550.34, donating a total of \$1,000.00 to LiNK in May 2017.

Hun Min Jeong Eum Chapter (Chapter #004. Faculty Sponsor: Ms. Jisun Kwon) at Francis Lewis High School in Fresh Meadows, NY



On May 18, 2017, 30 students were awarded with the KHS certificates at the KHS Induction Ceremony.

In this year's KHS trip (February 15, 2017), KHS students experienced activities related to Seollal with East West High School students.

KHS students made Teachers' Day pins for all staff members at FLHS to show their respect and appreciation. Staff members wore them on May 19, 2017.

KHS students assisted during Hangeul Day Celebration on October 25, 2017. They monitored different stations for students who are learning languages other than Korean and introduced to them The Great King Sejong and the beauty of Hangeul.

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



Dylon Shiao, Harry Cha, Mandy Snyder, and Daniel Park at the Induction ceremony on April 18, 2017



Harry helping Gavin with his reading and audio recording at a weekly tutoring session on May 05, 2017



KHS supporting the Academic Fair of PVHS On February 14, 2017



On May 9, 2017, KHS collaborated with ASB to organize a SAWL (Suwon Academy of World Language) visit to PVHS.

Peninsula Korean Chapter (Chapter #009. Faculty Sponsor: Ms. June Choi) at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School



On Friday, May 12, 2017, the Amphitheatre of Peninsula High School was filled with students, parents, staffs, and community members celebrating the first-ever PVPHS Korean Culture Night. Everyone enjoyed delicious traditional foods sponsored by *Bibigo* and fabulous entertainment, and all 22 members of Peninsula Korean Honor Society members took an active role in planning, volunteering, and participating in performances.



On March 29, 2017, students in Korean 1 and 2 took a field trip to University of Southern California and attended a Korean class. Students had a chance to stop over at Dosan Ahn Chang Ho's family house and learned its brief history.

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 2017-2018 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!