

Minnesota Association for Korean Americans
(MAKA)



26TH CELEBRATING
TOMORROW

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Sunday, March 14, 2021
Virtual Ceremony | www.makaweb.org

Mission Statement

MAKA was formed in 1995 as the Mothers Association for Korean Americans to serve the young Korean American community in Minnesota. In recognition of the significant service of fathers and primarily serving the state of Minnesota, organization was officially renamed the Minnesota Association for Korean Americans (MAKA) at the end of 2006. The unchanged mission is to promote and encourage young Korean Americans to learn about and take pride in Korean Culture. MAKA seeks to achieve its mission by:

- Providing scholarships and grants to deserving young Korean Americans.
- Facilitating connections and ties between the Korean community and the Korean adoptive community.

MAKA welcomes anyone interested in advancing our goals to join us.

Scholarships 2021

The Korean American Scholarship for High School Seniors.

The Minnesota Association for Korean Americans (MAKA) is awarding a limited number of scholarships to Minnesota high school seniors of Korean origin/heritage who plan to pursue higher education. The Scholarship Committee has reviewed the materials submitted by all applicants and will award non-renewable \$1,500 scholarships to 14 students selected for 2021.

These scholarships are intended to enhance the positive self-esteem of students of Korean heritage and to encourage their pursuit of a college degree. Each year, all interested individuals are encouraged to apply.



President, Eunah Oh
Scholarship Committee Chair: Saahoon Hong
Master of Ceremonies, Laura Oh

WELCOME

REETING FROM the MAKA PRESIDENT

including Sponsors introduction

Eunah Oh

MUSIC PROGRAM

Gayageum Solo—Dr. Soojin Lee

Milyaung for 25-string Gayageum (25현 가야금을 위한 밀양 아리랑)
arranged by Eun-sun Jung

Piano Solo— Dr. Ji Young Lee

Slavonic Dances, Op.72 No. 2 for four hands by A. Dvořák

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

STUDENT ESSAYS

Faith Kim

Jiwoo Kim

MENTOR SPEAKER

Jane Kim, Reporter at FOX 21

ADJOURN

Closing Prayer—Rev. Young Hwan Jung

The Board of Directors is grateful to the musicians and speakers for actively involving themselves in this event. Their special talents and sincere enthusiasm are wholeheartedly appreciated.



Tae Jung Yang & Jisu Huh

Chang Jae & Chung Kyu Lee

Jai M. Suh & Shin J. Suh

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Scholarship Recipients for the Class of 2021 *Alphabetical Order*

<p>William Bae <i>Breck School</i></p> 	<p>James Cho <i>Math and Science Academy</i></p> 	<p>Alex Hager <i>East Ridge High School</i></p> 
<p>Andrew Kim <i>Irondale High School</i></p> 	<p>Ashley Kim <i>Math and Science Academy</i></p> 	<p>Faith Kim <i>Apple Valley High School</i></p> 
<p>Jiwoo Kim <i>East Ridge High School</i></p> 	<p>Sungchae Kim <i>Math and Science Academy</i></p> 	<p>Lauren Lee <i>Wayzata High School</i></p> 
<p>Gracie Marek <i>Chaska High School</i></p> 	<p>Jenna Moseng <i>Maple Grove Senior H.S.</i></p> 	<p>Ryan Oh <i>Mounds View High School</i></p> 
<p>Thea Pederson <i>Washburn High School</i></p> 	<p>Sofie Sherburne <i>Andover High School</i></p> 	

BIOS

Jane Kim, Mentor Speaker



Jane Kim was born and raised in Minnesota. She was actively involved in the Korean church community during her middle school and high school years. During her senior year of high school, she realized she wanted to pursue journalism after doing a mentorship program where she worked under an anchor/reporter from a small community news station. She also was inspired to go into journalism after hearing about the story of Euna Lee and Laura Ling, two American journalists who were imprisoned in North Korea. Their bravery and courage encouraged her to go into a field where truth was sought after.

She attended Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism where she majored in Broadcast Journalism and participated in the Northwestern News Network as a reporter. After taking a year to intern at the City of St. Louis Park, she then went to Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism where she majored in Business and Economics Journalism. She wrote her thesis on foreign investment in New York real estate, specifically from Asian countries like China and Japan.

Jane has been a reporter at FOX 21 Local News in Duluth, Minnesota since January 2020. She covers items ranging from breaking news and health-related issues to business and local events in the area.

Dr. Soojin Lee, Gayageum



Dr. Soojin Lee is a professional performer on the gayageum (pronounced ka-ya-kum) and has delivered Korean music and drumming workshops in school and community settings in Minnesota. She has her BA and MA in Korean traditional music (specializing in gayageum performance) from Seoul National University, South Korea, and her MA in Social Sciences (specializing in ethnomusicology) from University of California, Irvine. She received her PhD in music education from University of Minnesota. Currently, she teaches the gayageum and Korean drumming at MacPhail Center for Music.

Dr. Ji Young Lee, Piano



Ji Young Lee was born and raised in Korea and received her B.A at Ewha Womans University in Korea. She moved to the United States to further study in music education and professionalism. She then received her M.A. at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music with full scholarship.

She won many first Prizes at the Yokohama International Music Competition, United States Open Music Competition (Showcase Piano Solo Advanced), American Protégé Competition, and CCM Piano Concerto Competition. She also won the prize at the Australian Concerto and Vocal Competition and International Chopin Piano Competition in ASIA.

In 2014, her performance with Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra conducted by Maestro Vladimir Fedosev was broadcast nationally. She has performed many solo recitals and chamber music around the United States, Australia, Asia and Europe.

As a pedagogue, Lee has taught at the University of Cincinnati Starling Chamber Music Department, Hyupsung University and Seoul Arts College. She came to Minnesota as a visiting scholar/artist at the University of Wisconsin River Falls in 2019.



Laura Oh, Master of Ceremonies

Laura Oh was born and raised in Minnesota and is a former MAKAs recipient. She graduated high school in 2016 from Mounds View High School in Minnesota. She competed gymnastics at the D1 level and received her B.A in Psychology in 2019 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is now in her second-year graduate student

at University of Nebraska-Omaha studying Industrial Organizational Psychology. She is currently working on her thesis on the impacts of self-efficacy and mindset and how they influence job performance. While in graduate school, she was able to consult on client projects such as Gallup.



Thank you for your dedication and support for MAKA!