

## Korean American Youth Leaders in Training Summer 2017

The K.W. Lee Center for Leadership is sponsoring an exciting leadership development initiative for high school and college students called the Korean American Youth Leaders in Training. Sa-i-gu (April 29, 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest), which serves as the impetus for this program, exposed many deep-rooted problems in the Korean American community, particularly the lack of leadership. The purpose of this program is to take deliberate steps to fill that void by developing and supporting a new generation of Korean American leaders. The program provides an opportunity for Korean American students to develop leadership skills, explore their culture and history, experience hands-on community organizing, and develop a larger perspective of themselves in relation to their own community as well as the larger public arena.

#### Who Should Apply?

High school and college students who have an interest in the Korean American community and want to develop their leadership skills to create social change may apply. Non-Korean applicants are encouraged to apply. High school students must be at least in the 9th grade when applying for the program. Each program is limited to 8 college and 12 high school interns. College interns will receive a \$500 stipend. College interns not from the Southern California area are eligible for an additional stipend to cover travel and housing. High school students will receive community service hours for their participation in the internship, if requested. The high school program tuition is \$150.00 for the entire eight-week program.

#### **Program Components**

College interns will meet Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. High school interns will meet Monday through Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**EDUCATION** emphasizes community organizing, power, politics, cultural diversity, gender, and generational issues.

**SKILLS DEVELOPMENT** entails interviewing skills, coalition building, facilitation, and strategic planning.

**COMMUNITY PROJECTS** provide an opportunity to organize around critical issues facing the Korean American community.

### **Tentative Curriculum**

Session 1: Orientation

Session 2: Site Visits to Koreatown Organizations

Session 3: Korean American Pioneers

Session 4: Asian Gangs

Session 5: Retreat: Family Session
Session 6: Asian American Movement

Session 7: Workers' Rights

Session 8: Asian Americans in Entertainment

Session 9: Saigu

Session 10: Coalition Building

Session 11: Interview with Elected Official Session 12: Korean American Adoptees

Session 13: Student-led Training

Session 14: Hate Crimes Session 15: Personal Legacy

#### **Application Timeline**

Application Deadline: Rolling admission (email submission only)

Program Begins: June 12, 2017 Program Ends: August 4, 2017

#### Who is K.W. Lee?

K.W. Lee is a renowned journalist, having worked in the mainstream and ethnic media for 40 years as a reporter, editor, and publisher. He has covered such issues as civil rights struggles in the South in the early 1960s, massive vote buying practices in southern West Virginia, and the plight of Appalachian coal miners, but he is best known for authoring an investigative series on the 1974 San Francisco Chinatown gangland murder conviction of immigrant Chol Soo Lee, upon which the film "True Believer" was based. His five-year-long coverage with more than 120 articles led to a new trial and an eventual acquittal and release of the prisoner from San Quentin's Death Row.

Inspired by the lifetime of service of civil rights activist K.W. Lee, the Center reflects his passion for community consciousness and his dedication to fostering young leaders. The mission of the Center is to train young people to take proactive steps toward improving and enriching the quality of life in their communities.

#### More Information

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Do Kim at (213) 321-7220 or at <a href="mailto:dokim@kwleecenter.org">dokim@kwleecenter.org</a>.

# Korean American Youth Leaders in Training College Application

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How	did you hear a	bout the program?_				
I. •	Personal Statement Please tell us something you think we should know about you (not in this application). Help us learn about what is important to you and why? What relationships, feelings, and ideas do you value? What do you stand for or against? (2-3 pages)					
•	What are your professional goals in the next five years? (1 page)					
II.	Reference Please list the name and contact information for an individual who can provide a reference.					
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III.	<b>Resume</b> Please attacl	h a copy of your res	ume.			
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Signature			Date			

Completed applications can only be submitted by email to: info@kwleecenter.org.