

# AN EVENING WITH FRIENDS

*The Steve S. Kang Young Artists and Scholars Fund*

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*By Steve S. Kang*

# Opening Remarks for An Evening with Friends

By John Green



Thank you all for coming this evening and welcome to “An Evening with Friends”. I am John Green. I am honored to welcome you to this fantastic event, made even more exciting tonight because we also celebrate Kimberly’s 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Kimberley, Happy Birthday.

As you know, the Steven S Kang Young Artists and Scholars Fund was established to honor the memory of their son Steven Kang. He was creative and passionate about the arts, film and music. Kimberley and David have chosen to support and nurture that creativity and passion in others. Young scholars and students of the arts have received financial support for their education. And I believe that those of us here tonight are greatly enriched from our participation in this event.

My wife Patti and I have known Kimberley and David for almost 20 years, and have been supportive of the Fund since its inception. Kimberley and I first served together on the Board of a housing organization. I found that Kimberley and David were people to be admired. They share a commitment to making our communities stronger and better. And since the tragic event that led to the creation of the Steven S Kang Young Artists and Scholars Fund, that commitment to youth and family is displayed thru courage and timeless efforts on behalf of this Fund and the young people who so greatly benefit from its financial support.

There are many people here tonight who are involved in this great cause. Businesses, organizations and supporters of the Fund, young scholars, artists and their families all are here. I want to thank you again for sharing the night with us. I hope you enjoy this wonderful evening.

# **PROGRAM**

**OPENING REMARKS**

**JOHN GREEN**

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

**MICHAEL CORRIERE**

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I am extremely pleased to congratulate the 9<sup>th</sup> year of The Steve S. Kang Young Artist and Scholars Fund's "An Evening with Friends." To the talented awardees to be honored on the evening, I extend my heartfelt commendation.

For the past nine years, The Steve S. Kang Young Artist and Scholars Fund has awarded a quarter of million dollars to over 70 students. As a private nonprofit foundation, this is a tremendous feat only possible with dogged dedication and commitment. I extend my deep appreciation to Dr. & Mrs. Soosang Kang for their service and vision. Through this foundation, many talented Korean-American students have a better chance at realizing their goals and utilizing their gifts. I hope this scholarship can nurture the talents and potential of our young students.

My sincere gratitude goes to the family and friends of The Steve S. Kang Young Artists and Scholars Fund for their tireless efforts and I hope for the continued success of the scholarship foundation and the recipients.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sung-Hwan Son', written over a horizontal line.

Sung-Hwan Son

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: 2007- 2008

NAME	ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS FIELD OF STUDY	AMOUNTS (\$)
Yoo Jung Chong	University of Illinois BA, Design	2,000
Jasmine Henderson	University of Illinois BA, Music	1,000
Connie Jung	University of Illinois, Chicago MD, Medicine	2,000
Sunkyung Kim	Loyola University BA, Biology/Chemistry	1,000
Alex J. Lee	Amherst University BA, Chemistry/Music	2,000
Eun Jin Lee	NWU BS, Commun. Science Disorder	1,000
Judy J. Lee	University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign BFA, Indust. Design /Art Education	2,000
Jeanie Paik	University of Southern California BA, Biology/Internet. Relations	1,000
Esther Pak	Cornell University BA Biology	1,000
Jun Yeon Lee	University of Chicago PhD, Religious Ethics	1,000
Kathrine Lee	Harvard University PhD, Korean Music (Ethnomusicology)	3,000
Robert S. Lee	University of Illinois, Chicago DDS, Dentistry	2,000
Stephen J. Lee	Cal I Arts MFA, Graphic Design	5,000
Susan E. Lee	Georgetown University MS, Internet Development	1,000
Ji Youn Seo	University of Southern California MS, PA Program	1,000
Susie Rhee	Southern University of Illinois MD, Medicine	3,000
Sun Young Yang	Stanford BA, Biology	1,000
University of Chicago	Department of Mathematics	10,000

**THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN FISCAL 2007-2008 WAS \$40,000.**

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: 2007-2008



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**Jasmine Handerson**



**Connie Jung**



**SunKyung Kim**



**Alex Lee**



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**Jeanie Paik**



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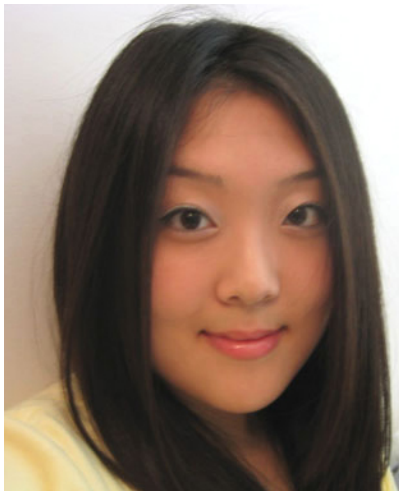
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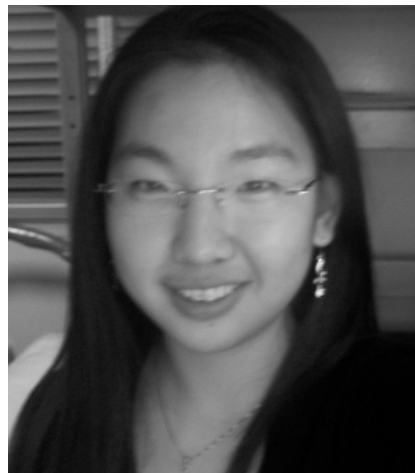
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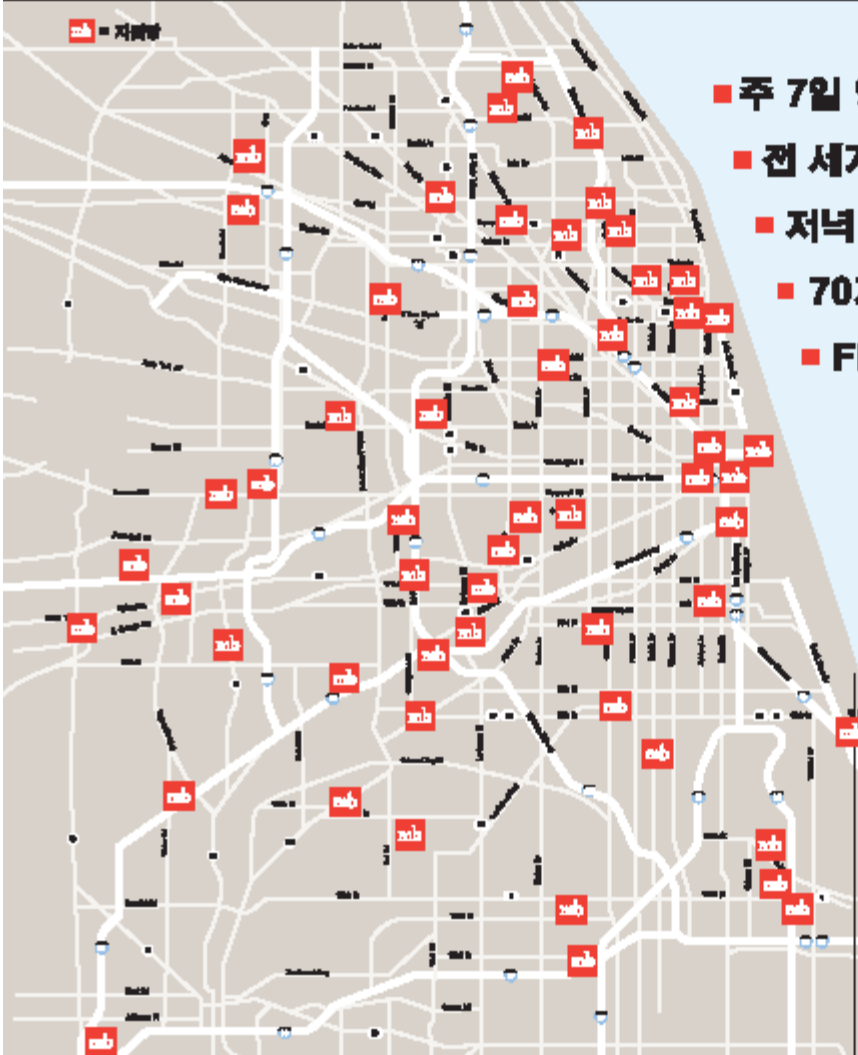
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### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The Steve S. Kang Young Artists and Scholars Fund is about community and dreams: specifically about working together as a community to help young people follow their dreams.

Ten years ago, Steve Kang was killed in a tragic auto accident at age 28. A community of people came together at that time in an outpouring of support and generosity to establish the Fund. Many of the older members of the community, like Steve's father, remember the hardships they faced as penniless students, striving to make and build a better life for themselves and their families far from home. Their tenacity and dedication led to a level of success that enables them to share with others: those who are just getting started in their chosen career paths and are struggling to establish themselves as leaders in their fields.

The younger members of the community, working to gain a foothold in the world, remember that it was not so long ago that they were pulling together numbers from summer jobs, student loans, scholarships, hoping they would have enough to cover the ever-increasing costs of education. They give what they can in empathy and to pass on what may have been given to them.

It is these members of the community that have, through the Fund, enabled so many young people to continue on their paths. Over the past nine years, the Fund has distributed scholarships totaling \$250,000 to 70 students. Starting with \$11,000 for the first year, the Fund granted \$30,000 annually for the past six years and then \$40,000 in 2007 with a special endowment by Dr.s Changman and Younghee Kang. Several students have received scholarships during more than one school year. We consider this an outstanding achievement for a community-funded organization. We are proud of all the talented students the Fund has helped over the years. More than one student has told us that they would not have been able to complete projects or graduate without the Fund's financial support. Recipients have used their scholarships to pay tuition, buy books and music, fund films, and replenish art supplies and travel to concerts and competitions.

It is the support of this community, both financial and emotional support that enables these students to become leaders in music, film and various professions. Your continued support allows aspiring artists and scholars to achieve our collective dream of a world filled with our children fulfilling their dreams.

