AN EVENING WITH FRIENDS
The Steve S. Kang Young Artists and Scholars Fund

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2010

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By Steve S. Kang
We want to thank each of you for coming this evening to “An Evening with Friends,” hosted by our dear friends, David and Kimberly Kang.

The Steve S. Kang Young Artists and Scholars Fund was started in 1998 to honor the memory of David and Kimberly’s son, Steve Kang. In the twelve years since, the Fund has assisted 106 students with their education. Each of these students has demonstrated critical need for financial assistance as they pursue careers as artists and scholars. The Fund’s financial support – $350,000 in scholarships awarded to date – has encouraged the creativity and dedication of these extremely talented young students.

We are proud, and each of you should be very proud, of what we have been able to accomplish together in Steve’s honor. For a community-funded organization to provide such generous scholarship support for these young students is truly an amazing achievement. But we are also grateful to Steve’s family for providing our family with the opportunity to be involved in this worthy cause. I am sure that many of you share this gratitude for being included in such an important and successful endeavor. As we meet some of these scholarship recipients this evening, we feel fortunate to be a part of their achievement by having helped them along in their education through our annual contributions to the Fund.

Tonight we look forward to Mr. Johnathan Choe’s talk on the topic of “Legacy,” which seems particularly appropriate for this group – as each of you has chosen to invest in our common future through your contributions to the Steve Kang Young Artists and Scholars Fund.

Please enjoy your dinner and tonight’s program, and, again, thank you for your generosity.
Program

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GAIL KALINICH

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JOHNATHAN CHOE

Legacy

MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

SAXOPHONE
WON JIK CHO

PIANO
YOUNG EUN CHO

SOPRANO
CHERRY PINEDA

SOUND SYSTEM PROVIDED BY JESSE DEGUZMAN
I am very happy that the Steve S. Kang Young Artists Scholarship Fund has become an important vehicle that serves our community over the years by giving hope and courage to young students.

There are many talented young people in our community with untapped potentials. Because of them, we can look forward to a better and brighter future. It is our task to make sure that these diamonds-in-the-rough can find their shine. I believe that the Steve S. Kang Young Artists Scholarship Fund has been carrying on the very mission and, as a result, they are contributing to the well-being of the Korean-American community of the Chicagoland area as well.

My congratulations go to this year’s awardees of the scholarship and to those of the years past. I would like to urge them to keep working hard to become the future leaders of our community.

I would like to thank Dr. Soosang Kang and the Kang family and friends for continuing the Fund for the past eleven years despite many difficulties. My thanks also go to the friends and contributors of the Fund for their continuous support.

Sincerely yours,

Chul Huh
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Johnathan Choe is executive vice president, retail banking for Fifth Third Bank Chicago, one of the fastest growing affiliates in the Fifth Third Bancorp network. He joined the company in April 2005 with more than 15 years of experience in the banking and financial services industries.

Mr. Choe oversees and helps grow the Bank’s Chicago land and Northern Indiana banking center networks. He also directs its small business banking group, servicing companies up to $3 million in revenue.

Prior to joining Fifth Third Bank Chicago, Mr. Choe served as market president for Wells Fargo Bank’s Los Angeles retail division. Before that, Mr. Choe held several other management positions within Wells Fargo’s retail and business banking groups in the California and Arizona markets.

Mr. Choe earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Managerial Economics from University of California, Davis in Davis, Calif. He resides on the board of directors for Goodman Theatre and Korean American Community Services. In Los Angeles, he served as board member of the Koreatown Youth and Community Center and the Asian Business Association.

**LEGACY**

Mr. Choe will talk about how one generation has helped to lay the groundwork for the next’s success and how each generation has the obligation to do the same. This is something that is core to the Korean-American immigrant experience. And we carry this obligation not as a burden but as an opportunity to fulfill expectations, to honor sacrifices and to live up to the hopes of our fathers and mothers. This speaks to the greatness of our culture and our people who have survived and prospered through many challenges in our more than 5,000-year history. We are linked through our history, culture and values. What has allowed us to survive and to prosper in the past will allow us to prosper into the future. We all must embrace our history, our culture and the values that have shaped then and take our place in our moment of history to help define and shape our own Korean-American legacy. And we must do this bearing the yolk of obligation, but proudly wear this badge of honor and help lay the foundation of our own legacy for the generation that will take our place.
It's not about 'who you know' or even 'who you are'

Drew Lee

Everyone wants to be successful! From an early age, most of us are trained by our parents to answer that "I want to be a doctor, lawyer, professor, musician or the President of the United States." In fact, many of us are led to believe that we must become these things in order to "make a lot of money to be happy." However, many of us often fall short of our goals due to various circumstances in life and for those that make it, many quickly realize that there is more to life...

As one of the few recipients of this scholarship, I am truly thankful for everyone who contributed to the Steve S. Kang Scholarship Fund this year. This scholarship has helped me focus on my studies, stay active in the community, and explore a career in medical public service. Currently, my dream is to become the Surgeon General of the United States. God-willing, I will be able to fulfill this dream in order to make the United States a better place to live for our future generations.

The seed for a dream

Daniel Kwangjae Lee

What drives my life? What driving force has connected each dot in the past to draw a “24-year long” line on a big, very-well drawn picture called “The World”? I believe dreams and hopes cannot be purchased. However, there are a great number of people facing situations which do not allow them to have dreams or hopes. It could be financial problems, family problems, or systematic problems which surround them everyday life. I would like to solve the problems they are facing so that they could have dreams and hopes. This has been the driving force of my life. The line drawn by the driving force is staying near at the University of Chicago where I learn critical thinking and broad interdisciplinary exposure to the full range of intellectual discovery and exchange ideas, cultural understanding, and breadth of knowledge which enables me to think outside of box and to step forward to my dream. The Steve S. Kang scholarship and the supports from many of you help the “24-year long” line to continue on its way to the next dot and I know it is a step closer to my dream which makes others dream.
Won Jik and Young Eun Cho is a musician couple. Won Jik is a saxophone player who has performed in numerous concerts in Korea, America and other parts of the world. Young Eun is a jazz piano player who also has much concert experience. She has been a piano teacher, presently is attending Berklee College of Music and one of our scholarship recipients.

The songs they will play for us tonight will include:
1. I will always love you
2. Wind beneath my wings
3. The champion's them
4. My chains are gone
5. My heart will go on - Celine Dion

Cherry Pineda - Soprano
Students’ Film Presentation

Christina Choe

Christina Choe is a writer and director. She began her career as a documentary filmmaker and has screened her short documentary films, “Turmeric Border Marks” & “United Nations of Hip Hop” at numerous film festivals worldwide, including AFI Film Festival, Seattle, and Palm Springs Shorts Film Festival. In 2002 she received a prestigious New as an editor/asst. editor for ABC, VH1, HBO and the History Channel. Her feature script, “Guess Who’s Coming For Kimchee” was selected as the winner of the 2007 CAPE (Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment) New Writers Award for Best Feature Screenplay. The same script was also selected for the 2007 KOFIC (Korean Film Council) Filmmaker Lab, IFP Market Emerging Narrative Program, was a quarterfinalist in the Scriptapalooza Screenwriting Competition and placed in the top 20 (out of 2700 scripts) for the 2008 Bluecat Screenwriting Competition. Her first narrative short, “The Queen” was selected as “Best of Fest” at Palm Springs Int. Short Film Festival, and was an official selection at Aspen Shorts Fest, Seattle, Rhode Island and Los Angeles Film Festival. Her second short, “The Cross” had its’ world premiere at Palm Springs Int. Shorts Fest 2010. She is currently based in Brooklyn, NY where she is an MFA candidate at Columbia University for writing/directing and is working on a post apocalyptic feature script about the future of food.

Students’ Arts and Design Work Presentation

Sooah Yoo

Sooah Yoo is a second year student at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, who grew up in the Chicago suburbs. She is working towards a Bachelor's in Fine Arts, and practices an interdisciplinary approach in art-making; her main focuses are fibers, drawing, and digital art. When not at work or at school, she enjoys exploring the city, attending music concerts, and reading and producing comics for local Chicago comic book shops.
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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.

Eleven 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 ten years, the Fund has distributed scholarships totaling $350,000 to 106 students. Starting with $11,000 for the first year, the Fund granted $30,000 annually for the past six years, $40,000 in 2007 with a special endowment by Dr.s Changman and Younghee Kang and then 50,000 for the past 3 years. 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.
The things we do for our favorite class.

We all have the desire to create. Whether it be in the arts or commerce, our desire to achieve is the same. And the pursuit of that goal keeps us going day after day. That’s why we are proud to support The Steve S. Kang Young Artists and Scholars Fund. Like you, we know what it takes to reach your dreams, and we’ll do our best to help you achieve them.

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