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SOLOMON SPEECH CONTEST

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OPEN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH
26TH ANNIVERSARY GALA AT CHELSEA PIERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH
WAFL GRADUATION

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Letter from Gala Co-Chair

Dear Friend,

The Korean-American Youth Foundation (KAYF) is honored to invite you to our 26th Anniversary Gala, which will take place on June 5th, 2019 at Chelsea Piers in Manhattan. As a prominent leader and influencer in our community, we hope that you will join us for this wonderful evening and celebration.

Since our beginning in 1993, KAYF has been helping students find their voice by improving their leadership skills and confidence. We continue to be the only Korean-American non-profit organization in the local area whose sole mission is to develop youth leadership skills enabling these students to grow into future leaders. Through our various workshops, projects, and mentorship programs, our signature We Are Future Leaders (WAFL) program empowers young Korean-Americans to become socially responsible leaders who can make a positive impact in their communities. Our upcoming Gala is our special tribute to the incredible students, leaders, supporters, and friends of KAYF. It is also our main annual fundraiser to execute our various programs and fulfill our mission. KAYF, the youth, and the community we serve are extremely grateful for the generosity, collaboration, and support of our sponsors and friends. Without your involvement, our work would simply not possible.

Please join us at our 2019 Gala, where you will have the opportunity to hear from our very students who are eager to share their amazing personal stories about their growth through KAYF. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you in June.

Dan Kim

Phillip Hong
This week, the students were introduced to resume writing by Kane Carpenter from Employment BOOST. He shared with the students how to arrange and write a resume. He gave the students important tips on how to get their resumes in the door. Kane also took the time to introduce creating LinkedIn accounts. Lastly, he showed the students how to write an effective cover letter. The students then took the time to write down 15-20 skills they could highlight for their resume and upload on their LinkedIn profiles.

The second part of our session focused on interviews. Neil Park from Fintech, also an associate board at KCS came to share his experience as not only an interviewee, but also an interviewer. He enlightened the students on how to successfully tackle on an interview. He mainly focused on how to answer the questions. We separated into groups of 5 students and conducted mock interviews. The students chose from a list of 3 different job/internship positions and interviewed by interviewers (board members and alumni).

The students had a chance to incorporate a story to highlight their skills and results. Overall, the students enjoyed and learned a lot from both workshops.

Jan. 26th - Resume & Interview

Feb. 9th - Public Speaking Workshop at Columbia University

This week, the 14 students went to Columbia University to work with speaking fellows (Ruth Ramjit, Yuval Dinoor, Hawa Tunkara and Julia Khan) from Barnard College to learn about public speaking.

The students were divided into 3 groups and worked with a speaking fellow. The speaking fellows shared their experiences and taught the students on how to form an argumentative speech. The students used the topic of genetically engineered babies to apply the skills they had learned in forming a persuasive speech. Each student had the chance to share their speeches among their peers in the group. Few volunteers shared their speeches to the whole group and everyone was impressed by their improvement and confidence.

Afterwards, the students toured Columbia University with WAFL alumni, Cheryl Lee and Jae Moo Lee.

Feb. 23rd - Mini Retreat

This week, we brought together the students to enjoy a fun day getting to know each other and bond. Since we meet every other week, the student don’t have the chance to know each other very well.

During our retreat, the students are able to learn about each other and work in teams and learn to communicate, think critically, and have fun. The students played various games such as minefield, garbage, smaller ground, blindfold drawing and mafia.

The students took time in between activities to socialize and interact with different students throughout the retreat. Most of the students felt they were able to bond with new people and had fun overall.
Hello My name is Justin Lee. Chris and I created the RISE (Rise in School Equality) program based on the theme of educational disparity. We work out of a Catholic church with younger students (1st to 8th grade) and based our program around the idea of teaching kids things they wouldn't normally learn in a traditional classroom setting, like public speaking, research, and collaborative skills.

I owe a lot of the program's success to Chris, who was able to connect with adults in his community, as well as other mentors in keeping the students attentive. Chris and I plan the meetings and team-building exercises, and we all work together to help the kids learn. It had a rough start, but the kids are really starting to listen and pay attention. Overall, the program is doing very well, and I think we're making a real impact in our community.

Hello my name is Sunny Lee and I am currently in 11th grade, happily attending Francis Lewis High School. This is my first year in KAYF and I am very happy to be enrolled. I took this opportunity as a way to learn more about the community and the available programs around that can benefit me for the future. Through good friends and supportive teachers, I think it is a honor for me to be in this program.

Some lessons helped me build my speaking skills which helped me with presentations, projects, speeches, and some activities helped me realize some of my weaknesses and strengths. I love to see myself growing with these people, becoming a better citizen, who want to benefit the world with its people. It is a honor to be a part of this organization.

My name is Tommy Lim and I am currently a Junior at Benjamin N. Cardozo high school. I joined KAYF when I was a sophomore. In my first year of this program, I remember going to a retreat and doing many activities where I reflected many aspects of my life. I was very shy at that time because I wasn’t comfortable with new people.

However, in my second year, I was able to bond with my fellow Korean-American students and was able to become very close. One the main activities we worked this year was public speaking. During one of the public speaking workshop, I learned how to become a “ten”. Being a “ten” is to position yourself to look confident of who you are and having a superior-like posture. Using this skill, I was able to feel more comfortable around new people at school and felt very confident about myself.

Hello everyone! My name is Jennifer. I’m really glad that the student council was created because it’s a great opportunity for us to showcase our leadership skills.

The student council sets apart some students from their peers as leaders. Especially the KAYF is a leadership program, a student council is invaluable as a place to exercise newly acquired leadership skills. The student council allows some of us to take charge and push the rest of the group into action. During the council meetings, we share ideas on upcoming events, like the speech contest and the stock market game. With the gala approaching, we’re currently discussing ideas on what we should present and how we can get more people to participate.
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