



Korean American Youth Leaders in Training **Summer 2010**

The K.W. Lee Center for Leadership is sponsoring an exciting leadership development initiative for high school students called the Korean American Youth Leaders in Training. *Sa-i-gu* (April 29, 1992 Los Angeles Riots), 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?

Korean American high school students who want to develop their leadership skills to create social change. High school students will receive community service hours for their participation in the internship.

Program Components

High school interns will meet Monday through Friday from 1:00 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

Training sessions for the program will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Session 1:	June 28	Orientation/Tour of Koreatown
Session 2:	June 3	Korean American Identity
Session 3:	July 5	Korean American Pioneers
Session 4:	July 7	Asian Gangs
Session 5:	July 9-11	Retreat: Saigu/Family Session
Session 6:	July 14	Asian American Movement
Session 7:	July 19	Workers' Rights
Session 8:	July 21	Asian Americans in Entertainment
Session 9:	July 26	North Korea
Session 10:	July 28	Coalition Building
Session 11:	August 2	Interview with Elected Official
Session 12:	August 4	Korean American Adoptees
Session 13:	August 9	Student-led Training
Session 14:	August 11	Hate Crimes
Session 15:	August 16	Personal Legacy/Program Evaluation
Session 16:	August 20	Graduation

Application Timeline

Application Deadline:	Rolling Admission
Program Begins:	June 28, 2010
Program Ends:	August 20, 2010

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

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