THE
KW LEE
CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP

Korean American Youth Leaders in Training
Summer 2023

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 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. Each program is limited to 10 college and 15 high school interns. High school students must be at least in the 9th grade when applying to the program and will receive community service hours for their participation in the internship, if requested. The high school program tuition is $200 for the entire eight-week program.

Program Components

This year, the KAYLT program will be conducted in-person after three years of zoom trainings. High school interns will meet Monday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. College interns will meet Monday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5 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.

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Tentative Curriculum

Session 1:	Orientation
Session 2:	Site Visits to Koreatown Organizations (Domestic Violence, Immigrant Rights, Education Equity, Civic Engagement, Mental Health)
Session 3:	Community Organizing v. Community Service
Session 4:	Asian Gangs & Reentry
Session 5:	Family Experience
Session 6:	History of Koreatown
Session 7:	Saigu (1992 Los Angeles Civil Unrest)
Session 8:	Asian American Movement
Session 9:	Workers' Rights
Session 10:	Coalition Building
Session 11:	Anti-AAPI Hate Crimes
Session 12:	Divided Families
Session 13:	Free Chol Soo Lee Movement
Session 14:	Interview with Elected Official
Session 15:	Personal Legacy

Application Timeline

Application Deadline:	April 1, 2023
Program Begins:	June 12, 2023
Program Ends:	August 4, 2023

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. His five-year-long coverage with more than 120 articles sparked a pan-Asian American community organizing movement, which led to a new trial and an eventual acquittal and release of Chol Soo Lee from San Quentin's Death Row.

Inspired by the lifetime of service and activism of 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 dokim@kwleecenter.org.

Korean American Youth Leaders in Training
High School Application

Name_____
First Middle Last

Address_____

_____ Telephone # _____

Email_____ Cell Phone #_____

Birth Date_____ Birthplace _____ Gender _____

Name of High School _____ Year of Graduation _____

In Case of Emergency Notify_____
Name Relationship Telephone #

How did you hear about the program?_____

I. Personal Statement

- Please tell us something you think we should know about you. How will you be able to contribute to this program? (2 pages)
- Please identify an issue in your community you feel is pressing? (1 page)

II. Reference

Please list the name and contact information for an individual who can provide a reference.

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Name Title/Organization

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Telephone Relation to you

III. Resume

Please attach a copy of your resume.

By signing this application, I am stating that all of the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature_____ Date_____

Completed applications can only be submitted by email to Do Kim at dokim@kwleecenter.org.