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KLFC Student Awarded Prestigious Boren Scholarship

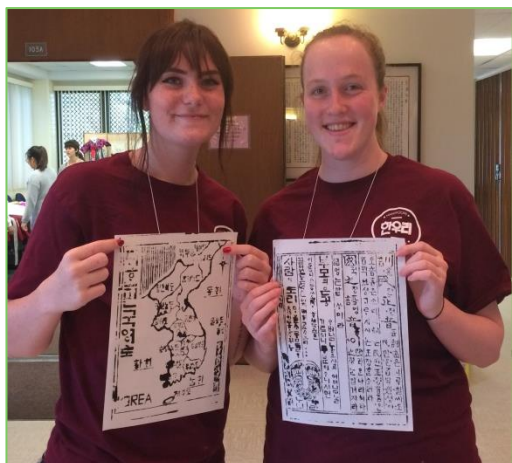
Eloise Morris of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Korean Language Flagship Center (UHM KLFC) has been awarded the national Boren Scholarship, which will support her 2017-2018 KLFC Overseas Capstone Program at Korea University in Seoul. Boren Scholarships are an initiative of the National Security Education Program. They provide unique funding opportunities for American undergraduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to the national security of the United States. Originally from Colorado, Morris received the National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarship sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Upon entering UH Mānoa, Morris chose to major in Korean Flagship (B.A. in Korean for Professionals). She said that she realizes the importance of proficiency in the target language for government intelligence. After completing her BA, Morris hopes to put her Korean language skills to use by serving in the federal government in a position with national security responsibilities. Morris looks forward to traveling to Washington, D.C., to receive the award in June. She joins earlier Korean Language Flagship Center scholars Danica Lim (2009), Bowha Kang (2010), Tyler Miyashiro (2013), and Ryan Tanaka (2016).



Eloise Morris (BA Cohort 7)

2017 Korean Culture Day: February 20

The 2017 Korean Culture Day at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa was a huge success. Participants from the UHM campus, Wahiawa Middle School, and the Honolulu community engaged in Korean culture activities. Attendees tried Korean calligraphy, mask making, gonggi, and many more activities. This event was sponsored by KLFC, The Francis A. and Betty Ann Keala Fun in Arts and Sciences, Palama Supermarket, Fabric Mart, Aloha Drycleaners, Ohana Pacific Bank, Kukui Food Inc., Tony Moly, and Hawaii Christian Church. Highlights can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ys3MFS3vrKA>



KLFC in the K-12 Community



MHS Korean class students play gonggi



WHS Korean class student plays gayageum with KLFC student, Joanna Mills



WHS Korean class poses with paper folded hanbok

To increase articulation and promote language learning at the K-12 levels in the State of Hawaii, KLFC visited various public schools on the Island of Oahu for the past several years. In the 2016-2017 academic year, KLFC visited the Korean classes and ROTC classes at Moanalua High School (MHS) and the Korean classes at Waipahu High School (WHS). KLFC students and coordinator gave a culture lesson such as Korean paper folding and gonggi. Several of the students at the information sessions and culture lessons joined the Korean Language Flagship Center Undergraduate Program.

Five Students Qualify for AY 2017-18 Korean Flagship Overseas Program: May 5



L to R: Dr. Chang, Lacey Bonner, Xiuju Cooney, Soo Youn Kim, Victoria Meza, Eloise Morris, Dr. Cheon

After undergoing rigorous testing and completing the domestic program, five students were accepted into the Korean Flagship Overseas Program. To qualify, students had to score a minimum of Advanced Low in speaking, reading, and listening assessments administered by American Councils. KLFC sincerely congratulates Lacey Bonner, Xiuju Cooney, Soo Youn Kim, Victoria Meza, and Eloise Morris for their tremendous success.

Special Lecture Series: January 17

Academic Success

KLFC alumni, Keoni Williams (BA Cohort 5), visited the KOR 399 class and gave a talk on academic success. He introduced tangible tools that students could use to improve their language learning and overall academics.



Keoni Williams speaking to KLFC students

Korean Movie Event: April 4

Hawaii International Film Festival (HIFF)

Each year, KLFC takes advantage of the Korean films that the Hawaii International Film Festival brings to Hawaii. This year, KLFC invited students and faculty to view "Prison". Before the viewing, faculty led a short roundtable discussion on the movie, Korean film industry, and cultural representations in Korean film.



KLFC students and faculty at HIFF

Special Lecture Series: April 18

Traditional Korean Instruments

Hae In Lee, graduate student in Musicology at UHM, introduced KLFC undergraduate students to various Korean instruments. She described the history and demonstrated each instrument and then briefly taught students how to play instruments. By the end of the class, students could *roughly* play a simple classic Korean folk song.



KLFC students posing with Korean instruments and Hae In Lee (3rd from left in the back row)

Fall 2016 to Summer 2017 Graduates

Eight BA and four MA students graduated in Fall 2017 to Summer 2017.

BA: Janal Kim, Soyoun Joo, Keoni Williams, Seok Jong Lee, Troy Chong, Elton Chun, GiHyun Kim, Joseph Gaenzle

MA: Meghan Delaney, Brian J. Kim, Bonnie Fox, Brian H. Kim



L to R: Dr. Cheon, Bonnie Fox, Brian J. Kim, Brian H. Kim, Meghan Delaney, Dr. Kong

Korean Flagship –Air Force ROTC Graduate: Elton Chun

KLFC is proud to announce the first Korean Flagship-Air Force ROTC student, Elton Chun, who graduated in Summer 2017. Chun received an Air Force Foreign Language Flagship Scholarship which awarded him full financial support for five years of his academic study including his capstone year. Air Force ROTC students must meet The Language Flagship program proficiency requirements for participation in the summer language and fifth year Capstone program. Elton Chun is now a commissioned Second Lieutenant of the United States Air Force.



2nd Lt. Elton Chun (BA Cohort 6)

Upcoming Events

August 21 // 4:30-7:30 PM
KLFC Orientation

August 25 // 8:30 AM-2:30 PM
Moore Hall Open House

August 26 // 8:30-11:50 AM
KLFC TOPIK Assessment

September 14 // 4:00-6:30 PM
KLFC Korean Film Screening

September 29 // 5:00-7:30 PM
KLFC Chusok Event

Updates

KLFC relaunched its website over the summer. Visit the new and easy to navigate website.



My Second Home by Andy So

Before coming to Korea, I never thought such a place even existed. I still remember the first time I arrived in Seoul for a three day two-night layover and instantly fell in love with Korea. After that, I had the opportunity to study for four months in Busan and promised myself I would come back. This summer, through the Korean Language Flagship Undergraduate Program, I was able to study at Korea University in Seoul. During my time in Korea, I was able to visit many

of the different cities, including Daegu, Gwangju, Masan, Changwon, Uijeongbu, and even Jeju Island. Every city has its unique characteristics, but wherever you go in Korea, you will feel a sense of friendliness that you can't find anywhere else. I'm extremely honored to learn the Korean language and about the culture. Joining the Flagship Program has been the best decision of my life, and I'm glad I can call Korea my second home.



Andy So (BA Cohort 9) in Korea during Summer Overseas Program

한국에 와보기 전까지는 이런 곳이 있다고 상상도 하지 못했었다. 내가 처음에 인천공항 경유차 2박 3일로 서울에 왔을 때가 아직도 생각나는데, 그때 곧바로 한국을 사랑하게 됐다. 그 이후로 나는 부산에서 4개월 동안 한국어를 공부할 기회가 있었고, 마지막엔 꼭 다시 돌아오겠다고 다짐했다. 이번 여름에, 플래그십 여름 프로그램을 통해 서울에 있는 고려대학교에서 공부할 수 있게 되었다. 한국에 있는 동안, 나는 대구, 광주, 마산, 창원, 의정부, 같은 많은 도시와 제주도도를 방문해볼 수 있었다. 모든 도시는 고유한 특징이 있으며, 한국의 어느 곳을 가든지 다른 나라에서는 경험할 수 없는 정이라는 친절함을 느낄 수 있다. 한국어와 한국의 문화를 배울 수 있어서 매우 영광이라고 생각한다. 플래그십 프로그램에 참여한 것은 내 인생에서 최고의 결정이 되었고, 나는 한국을 두 번째 고향이라고 여길 수 있어서 정말 기쁘다.



Left: Flagship students, Jennifer Lee, Brianna Leisure, and Andy So take a picture together in Seoul, South Korea



Right: Photograph of Statue of Admiral Yi Sun-Sin taken by Flagship student, Andy So

My Experience in Korea by Elton Chun

Starting from the beginning, I never expected myself to be in both ROTC and Flagship. First of all, my interest towards the military life led me to join the ROTC program. As for The Korean Language Flagship program, I simply gave it a little taste because of my Korean background. Magically, there happened to be an ROTC-Flagship Scholarship, which I never knew about, that helped me along the way and ultimately making me become the first Korean Flagship – ROTC scholarship recipient. I was not ready for what was to come afterward, but the scholarship did motivate me along my path. Four years of a strenuous ROTC training while taking the intensive courses of the Flagship program, I never imagined myself to be able to keep going. Then on my 5th and final year, there was the immersion part of the program: The Capstone Overseas program. During the year, I got to experience the Korean culture first hand and network with people from all around the world. I must say it was one of the best years of my life, yet. Meeting Koreans, having cross-cultural conversations, dealing with cultural differences, there were both good and bad aspects during the year, but in the end, it was all a great memory. However, the most important part of the program was the intense Korean studying. Although it seems like you would have fun while you study abroad, I spent more time studying than when I was back home. In the end, seeing my language proficiency improve at a fast rate, it was all worth it. The key to surviving the year is time management and prioritizing your duties. Make sure you know what is more important and when you should do it. Not only will your year in Korea get better, but also your quality of life.

처음부터 ROTC와 플래그십 두 개의 프로그램의 참여를 상상하지 못했다. 우선 군대 생활의 관심 때문에 ROTC를 지원하게 되었고 플래그십 프로그램은 교포였기 때문에 한국어에 관심을 가졌었다. 신기하게도 내가 몰랐던 ROTC-Flagship 장학금을 알게 되었고 결국 많은 도움이 되었다. 그래서 내가 미국의 첫 한국어 Flagship – ROTC 장학금 수상자가 되었다. 지원할 그 당시에는 미래에 무엇을 할지 몰랐고 준비도 잘 안 됐다. 하지만, 그 장학금이 내 꿈을 이루기 위해 큰 힘과 동기부여를 주었다. 4년 동안 힘든 ROTC 과정에다가 한국어 플래그십 과목을 동시에 듣는 것이 힘들어서 못 끝낼 수도 있다는 것을 알았지만 계속 포기하지 않고 견뎠다. 그리고 마지막 5년째에 접어들면서 해외 현지 프로그램이 있었다. 그때, 한국 문화를 직접 경험했고 세계 곳곳에서 온 사람들과 인간관계도 넓힐 수 있었다. 내 인생에서 아마 제일 기억에 남은 때였다. 한국 사람들과 만나고, 비교 문화 체험하고, 문화 차이를 느끼기는 등 장단점이 있었지만 결국에는 다 좋은 추억이었다. 이때 제일 중요한 점은 공부였다. 교환학생으로 가면 다 재밌게 놀 수 있을 거라고 생각했는데 사실상 고향에 있는 것보다 공부할 게 더 많았다. 마지막에는, 한국어 실력이 많이 향상된 것을 보니까 가치가 있었다고 생각한다. 교환학생으로서 살아남을 수 있는 비결은 바로 시간 관리와 우선순위다. 뭐가 더 중요하고 언제 해야 하는지 잘 알아야 한다. 이렇게 우선순위에 따라 살면 그 1년 동안 더 나은 삶을 살게 될 것이고 사실 삶의 질도 더 좋아질 것이다.



KLFC alumni with KLFC Director, Dr. Cheon at Commissioning Ceremony for 2nd Lt. Chun



L to R: Lt. Col. Carroll, 2nd Lt. Chun, 2nd Lt. Faucher, and Tech Sgt. Mitchell

The Language Flagship

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Korean Language Flagship Center

The Korean Language Flagship Center (KLFC) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) is the first Korean Language Center in the United States dedicated to cultivating Korea specialists with professional-level proficiency in Korean. The KLFC's goal is to prepare American students to be capable of functioning in Korean as professionals in their chosen academic or professional fields. The KLFC is part of The Language Flagship funded by the Defense Language and National Security Education Office (DLNSEO). UHM's Korean Language Flagship Center operates in cooperation with the UHM's Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures.



May 5, 2017 End of Semester Ceremony

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