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E v e n i n g  
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**Master of Ceremonies**

**Dr. Michelle Rhee**  
**Dr. Alex Kim**

**Cocktail Hour**

**Welcome Remarks**

**Dr. Michelle Rhee**, Gala Chairperson

**Congratulatory Remarks**

**Gheewhan Kim**, Consul General

**Introduction of KAMA**

Korean American Medical Association

## **Presentation of Upcoming events**

2017 Korean Medical Association (KMA) Expo in Seoul  
2017 KAMA 43rd Annual Convention in Washington D.C.  
2017 Korean American Medical Student Association Convention in D.C.

## **Expression of Appreciation**

KAMA leadership recognition

Community Service Awards

Special Acknowledgments

**Dr. Larry Kwak**

**Dr. Peter Rhee**

## **Special Guest Speaker**

**Joon H. Kim**, Acting U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York

## **Musical Performance**

## **Leadership Achievement Award**

**Dr. Augustine M.K. Choi**, The Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine and Provost for Medical Affairs of Cornell University

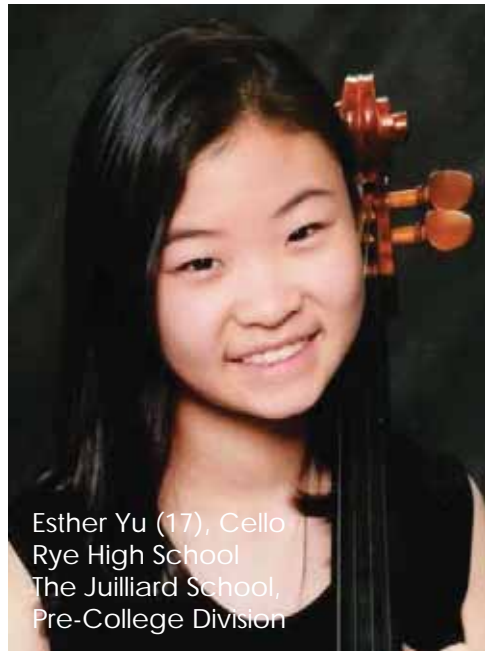
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## **Closing Remarks**

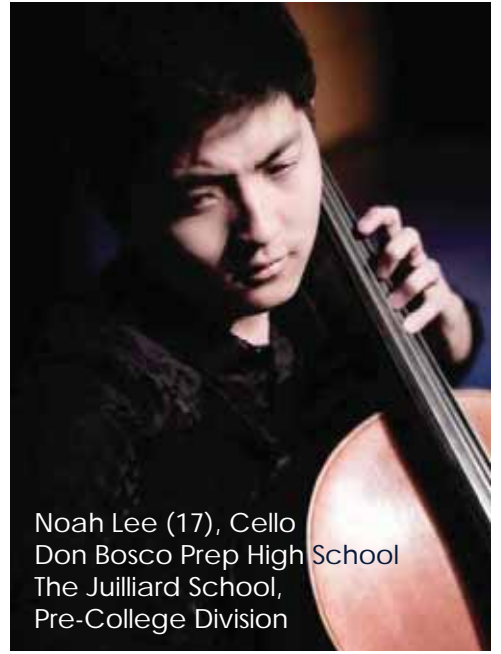
**Dr. John Won**, KAMA president



Julia Kim (13), Piano  
Hunter College High School  
The Juilliard School,  
Pre-College Division



Esther Yu (17), Cello  
Rye High School  
The Juilliard School,  
Pre-College Division



Noah Lee (17), Cello  
Don Bosco Prep High School  
The Juilliard School,  
Pre-College Division



Jessica Hong (19), Cello  
The Juilliard School, Class of 2020



Michael Won (19), Cello  
Harvard College, Class of 2020



Anna Lee (21), Violin  
Harvard College, Class of 2017



Clayton Stephenson (18) Piano  
The Dalton School  
The Juilliard School,  
Pre-College Division  
Harvard College, Class of 2021

# *Performers*



# Music Program

J. Brahms

*Intermezzo Op. 118, No. 2 in A major*

*Ballade Op. 118, No. 3 in G minor*

Julia Kim, Piano

A. Piazzolla

*Chiquilin de Bachin*

A. Piazzolla

*Chau Paris*

Jessica Hong, Cello

Noah Lee, Cello

Michael Won, Cello

Esther Yu, Cello

Rodolfo M. Zanetti, Bandoneon

J. Massenet

*Meditation from Thais*

P.I. Tchaikovsky

*Valse-Scherzo, Op.34*

Anna Lee, Violin

Clayton Stephenson, Piano

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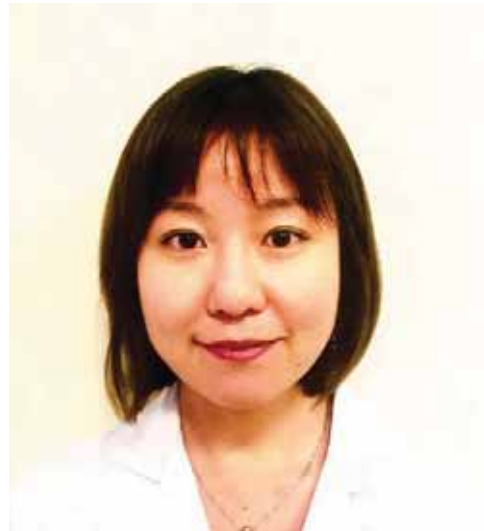
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Alex Kim, M.D.

Dear KAMA Members and Friends,

It is my distinct privilege to welcome you to the 2017 KAMA Spring Gala.

This is a special evening as we will be honoring one of the most distinguished leaders in the medical field: Dr. Augustine MK Choi, Dean and Provost of Weill Cornell Medicine.

KAMA's mission is to serve Korean-American communities using our national platform. Some of the issues we are addressing include health care access, health policies, health disparities, and global health.

KAMA is committed to bringing together some of the finest Korean-American academicians and clinicians. We will continue to lead by hosting scientific sessions at our national convention. The theme of the 43rd Annual Scientific Convention in Washington D.C. this October will be "Bridging the Gap in Health Disparities through Medical Science." We will also continue to serve as mentors for medical students and physicians in-training.

KAMA will continue to strengthen its membership by collaborating with regional KAMA chapters throughout the country. We will continue to collaborate with physicians in Korea and Korean heritage physicians in other countries. Next month, KAMA will also participate in the World Health Expo in Seoul.



The success of KAMA depends on your participation. I hope you will continue to support our mission and get involved. By working together, we will become a better and stronger organization.

Thank you very much for attending tonight's spring gala. Welcome, and enjoy your evening.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Won". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

John H. Won, M.D.  
President of KAMA

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Augustine M.K. Choi, M.D.

Sunhey Lee

Mary E. Choi, M.D.

Dear distinguished guests & colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2017 KAMA's spring Gala. We have come together tonight to connect and celebrate common background of being Koreans and physicians. We have much to celebrate the rich inheritance of our Korean culture and high accomplishment of being physicians in this blessed USA.

However, we also face many different challenges. In the USA, there are an estimated 15,000 physicians of Korean heritage. However, many of these young physicians and students are second generation Koreans, and they often lack first-hand familiarity of Korea or Korean culture, and a high percentage of them do not speak the Korean language fluently. We, Korean American physicians in the USA, have a special obligation to embrace these young Korean American physicians and students, and to bestow upon them a sense of camaraderie, community and the value of their Korean heritage. Many more issues need to be tackled in the future reside. These issues include sharing expertise in various medical specialties, health care delivery issues, medical education, North Korean health crisis, inequality of health care of Korean population in US, and many more. We can handle these challenges more effectively if we work together. The foundation of our strength will be dependent on fostering solidarity among members of KAMA.



In order for KAMA to succeed, we need to work together. Extraordinary efforts by a few certainly will be of benefit, but the effects will be limited in both scope and longevity if not carried on by larger number of active members. Through the initiative and active participation of each member the impact we have in shaping the lives of our patients, our Korean community, and our children's futures multiplies. I urge you to volunteer your talents and time on regional and national level so that we may grow together. In our work towards a common goal I can also assure that truly genuine friendships will be forged.

I look forward to working together with you all in the near future.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Brice Choi'.

Dr. Brice Choi  
Chairman of the Board of Directors,  
Korean American Medical Association

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2009	E. Edmund Kim, MD
2010	Bernard Park, MD
2011-2012	Chul Soo Hyun, MD
2013	Kristy Kim, MD
2015	John H. Won, MD
2016	Roger M. Kim, MD

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**Joon H. Kim**  
Acting United States Attorney  
Southern District of New York

Joon H. Kim is the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. As Acting U.S. Attorney, Mr. Kim oversees the investigation and litigation of all criminal and civil cases brought on behalf of the United States in the Southern District of New York. He supervises an office of about 220 Assistant U.S. Attorneys, who handle a high volume of important cases, including domestic and international terrorism, white collar crime,



securities and commodities fraud, public corruption, cybercrime, narcotics and arms trafficking, gang violence, organized crime, and civil rights violations.

Prior to becoming Acting U.S. Attorney on March 11, 2017, Mr. Kim served for almost two years as the Deputy U.S. Attorney, the second most senior official in the U.S. Attorney's Office, helping to oversee both the Criminal and Civil Divisions of the Office. Prior to becoming Deputy U.S. Attorney, Mr. Kim served from July 2014 to July 2015 as Chief of the Criminal Division, and prior to that served from April 2013 to July 2014 as Chief Counsel to the U.S. Attorney.

Before returning to the U.S. Attorney's Office in April 2013, Mr. Kim was a partner in the litigation and enforcement

group at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. His practice at Cleary Gottlieb focused on white-collar criminal defense and regulatory enforcement, as well as commercial civil litigation and international arbitration.

Mr. Kim served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney from 2000 to 2006, where he investigated and prosecuted a wide range of federal crimes, including racketeering, murder, money laundering, securities fraud, firearms and narcotics offenses, tax evasion, and terrorism.

Mr. Kim graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University in 1993 and cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1996. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum of the Southern District of New York.

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## Augustine M.K. Choi, M.D.

Dr. Augustine M.K. Choi is the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine and provost for medical affairs of Cornell University. Prior to his appointment as dean in January 2017, he served as the Sanford I. Weill Chairman and Professor of Medicine in the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine and as physician-in-chief of NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.



Dr. Choi received his bachelor's degree in 1980 from the University of Kentucky and his MD in 1984 from the University of Louisville. After completing his internship and residency in internal medicine at Duke and a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Johns Hopkins, he began his academic career in 1990 in the division of pulmonary and critical care medicine at Johns Hopkins. In 1998 he moved to an appointment at Yale, and in 2000 he became chief of the division of pulmonary, allergy and critical care medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. In 2007 he was appointed the Parker B. Francis Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and chief of pulmonary and critical care medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Dr. Choi has a longstanding commitment to the training of postdoctoral fellows and physician-scientists in lung diseases. An internationally renowned physician-scientist in the field, he has focused his research on understanding how chronic and acute lung diseases develop in response to

molecular, cellular, and genetic triggers. His laboratory studies how oxidative stress and inflammation affect stress response genes and antioxidant enzymes in the lung, and it has contributed much to our understanding of the molecular regulation and function of heme oxygenase-1 and gaseous molecule carbon monoxide in lung and vascular disease. Dr. Choi is currently examining whether inhaled carbon monoxide can be an effective therapy in human disease.

Dr. Choi has published more than 300 peer-reviewed articles and is a member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians. He is currently funded by multiple NIH R01 grants and has two program project grants. Among his many awards and honors are the 2011 Ho-Am Prize in Medicine, which is often referred to as the Korean Nobel Prize, and the 2015 J. Burns Amberson Lecture, which recognizes a career of major lifetime contributions to pulmonary research.

## Larry W. Kwak, MD, PhD

Vice President and Cancer Center  
Associate Director, Translational Research &  
Developmental Therapeutics

Dr. Michael Friedman Professor for  
Translational Medicine

Director, Toni Stephenson Lymphoma Center

City of Hope National Medical Center Duarte, CA

Dr. Kwak knew from an early age that we wanted to pursue a career as a dual scientist and physician; i.e., to make the scientific discoveries in the laboratory and also offer them to patients in the clinic. He graduated from the 6-year combined B.S.-M.D. Honors Program in Medical Education from Northwestern University Medical School in 1982 and earned his Ph.D. in tumor cell biology there in 1984. He then completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in medical oncology at Stanford University Medical Center in California.



Dr. Kwak, an insightful physician-scientist, has been pioneering the cancer immunology field, leading to the current dramatic successes of cancer immunotherapy in the clinic. He is responsible for some of the earliest fundamental findings contributing to the idea of harnessing the immune system to fight cancer. His TIME100 award in 2010 for his 20-year commitment to the science of cancer vaccines underscores the excitement in this field.

Specifically, from 1992-2004 he served as Head of the Vaccine Biology Section, Experimental Transplantation and Immunology Branch, at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) for 12 years. His NCI laboratory is credited with the pioneering bench-to-clinic development of a therapeutic cancer vaccine for B-cell malignancies, which was recently reported as positive in a landmark national Phase III clinical trial. This was one of three recently positive Phase III clinical trials of cancer vaccine immunotherapy.

From 2004-14 Dr. Kwak served as Chairman of the Department of Lymphoma and Myeloma and Co-Director of the Center

for Cancer Immunology Research at the University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. As Chair, his department successfully captured extensive research support, including large team science grants, such as two SPORE grants in Lymphoma and Multiple Myeloma, respectively, from the NCI and a SCOR program project grant awarded by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

A committed physician, scientist, and mentor, his vision is to assemble and lead research teams to integrate basic discoveries from academic laboratories with translational clinical development to first-in-human clinical trials of novel “homegrown” therapeutics, such as next generation cancer immunotherapies. He is an expert in the clinical management of patients with low grade lymphomas.

In 2016 he was awarded the Ho-Am Prize in Medicine for his pioneering research in cancer immunotherapy. He and his wife, Ruth, reside in Pasadena, CA and recently jointly authored a book in Korea on teamwork in parenting, drawing on their experiences raising four children.

## Peter Rhee, MD, MPH, FACS, FCCM, DMCC

Dr. Rhee is currently Senior Vice President and Chief of Acute Care Surgery at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta Georgia. Grady Memorial Hospital is a public county hospital and a Level I trauma center. It is the 5th largest public hospital in the United States. Previously he was the Chief of Trauma, Critical Care, Burns and Emergency Surgery at the University of Arizona where he was a Professor of Surgery and held the Martin Gluck Endowed Chair. Other previous appointments were Director of the Navy Trauma Training Center; Attending Surgeon at Los Angeles County Medical Center; Professor of Surgery at the University of Southern California; and Professor of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS). Dr. Rhee received a BS in Health Systems Engineer





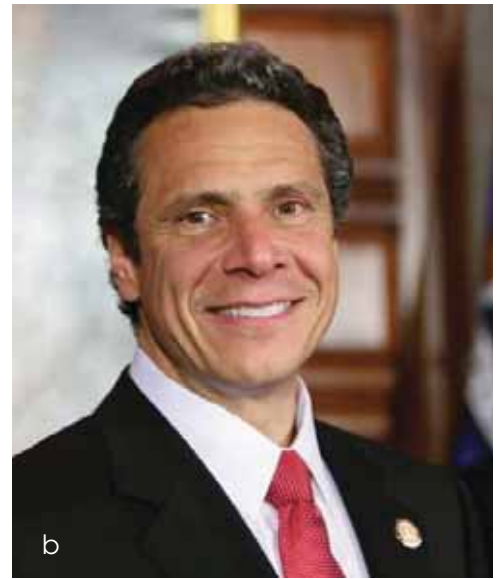
ing from the Georgia Institute of Technology (summa cum laude, 1983), a MD from USUHS (1987), a MPH in Health Services from the University of Washington (1995), and a Diploma in the Medical Care of Catastrophes from the Society of Apothecaries of London (1999). He completed his Fellowship in Trauma and Critical Care at the University of Washington's Harborview Medical Center (1993-1995). He is double boarded in general surgery and surgical critical care.

Dr. Rhee is a retired US Navy Captain following 24 years of active duty with numerous shipboard deployments and with the US Marines. He has served in Afghanistan and Iraq during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a Fellow of Critical Care Medicine. He is a founding member of the Tactical Combat Casualty Care Committee (TCCC) and also serves on National steering committees and national trauma research committees including the Defense Health Board's Subcommittee on Trauma & Injury and the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care as well as the Federal Drug Administration's blood products advisory committee, the Resuscitation Outcomes

Consortium's protocol review committee and drug safety and monitoring board. He serves on numerous national and university committees, is a member of numerous Editorial Boards. Dr. Rhee has also authored or co-authored over 350 peer reviewed publications, 3 books, and 22 book chapters. He is a highly sought after speaker as he has delivered over 1,000 talks including being invited as the commencement speaker at the University of Arizona in 2012. His honors include being a guest of President Obama State Dinner at the White House honoring South Korean President Lee. His areas of research interest includes hemorrhagic shock, suspended animation for trauma, hemostatic agents, resuscitation immunology and formulation of resuscitation fluids, Traumatic brain injury, transfusion and coagulopathy, trauma training, and advanced portable electronic medical devices including ones for communication and documentation. His national interests includes improved trauma on the Indian reservations, improved gun control and prevention of gun violence, suicide prevention and finally improved disaster preparedness. He is also the author of the book "Trauma Red: Making of a surgeon in war and America's cities".

**CONGRATULATORY**

- a..... Gheewhan Kim
- b..... Andrew Cuomo
- c..... Chris Christie
- d..... Bill de Blasio
- e.... Kirsten Gillibrand
- f..... Ron Kim
- g..... Grace Meng
- h..... Moo Jin Choo



Gheewhan Kim  
Consul General

May 13, 2017  
Korean American Medical Association  
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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my heartfelt greetings to everyone attending the Korean American Medical Association Spring Gala 2017.

Since its founding on October 23, 1974, KAMA has contributed to addressing the unique medical needs of the Korean community and fostering a network of Korean American physician leaders. Moreover, the association has served as a bridge to strengthen cooperation in medical sciences between Korea and the United States.

The importance of health and medical services are becoming more salient, especially as the world population is rapidly ageing. Korea and the United States are no exceptions. In this regard, the roles of Korean American physicians and KAMA have become more vital.

I commend KAMA for its commitment to serving Korean American physicians and the Korean community's public health. I hope that the association will continue to serve as a pivotal point for Korean American medical doctors, as well as providing better medical services to Korean community.

I also congratulate Dr. Augustine M.K. Choi, the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine and Provost for Medical Affairs of Cornell University. His leadership and contribution to medical science are worth recognizing.

Lastly, I thank KAMA President Dr. John H. Won and the Gala Chair, Dr. Michelle K. Rhee, and her staff for preparing this event.

Best wishes for an enjoyable event and continued success.

Sincerely,



Gheewhan Kim  
Consul General

Andrew Cuomo  
Governor of New York



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**ANDREW M. CUOMO**  
GOVERNOR

May 13, 2017

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for this Spring Gala hosted by the Korean American Medical Association.

The Empire State values organizations that represent the interests and concerns of our professional communities, including many dedicated physicians working in various areas of medicine. Founded in 1974, the Korean American Medical Association provides a voice for the nationwide community of physicians who share a connection through their common ancestry and professional affiliation.

New Yorkers recognize the valuable efforts of your members, as they uphold high standards of medicine while addressing health concerns that are prevalent among the Korean community. On this occasion, I join in congratulating your honorees and wishing your members continued success as they promote excellence in the practice of medicine and help improve our healthcare system.

Warmest regards and best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

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ANDREW M. CUOMO



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CHRIS CHRISTIE  
GOVERNOR

May 13, 2017

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I am pleased to extend greetings to everyone gathered for the Korean American Medical Association's Spring Gala.

As Governor, I am proud to recognize the more than four decades of service that KAMA has provided for some of our Nation's top medical professionals. By integrating Korean physicians into the American Medical Association, KAMA's more than 18,000 doctors serve as mentors for medical students who will immeasurably impact our State and Nation. New Jersey is fortunate to have KAMA as a resource for our Korean American communities, and I commend the Association for its continued service. I join with all those gathered in applauding the Association and its members for their commitment to delivering compassionate care and fostering medical initiatives.

Best wishes to all for an enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

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Chris Christie  
Governor

Bill de Blasio

Mayor of New York City



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10007

May 13, 2017

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to join the Korean American Medical Association in welcoming everyone to its Spring Gala.

New York City is known for its world-class medical institutions and the many talented doctors and medical professionals who make a tremendous difference in the lives of their patients. Established in 1974, the Korean American Medical Association is a dedicated supporter of physicians of Korean descent practicing medicine across our city. By working to improve the health and wellness of Koreans around the world and encouraging its members to engage in research, further their education, and participate in mentorship programs, this organization is improving the quality of healthcare in the five boroughs and far beyond. As my team and I work to ensure that all New Yorkers can access the care they need, I applaud KAMA for its complimentary efforts.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, please accept my best wishes for a wonderful gala and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio  
Mayor

KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND  
NEW YORK



UNITED STATES SENATOR

May 13, 2017

Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to send greetings to everyone attending the Korean American Medical Association Spring Gala.

I am grateful for organizations like the Korean American Medical Association for the dedication to national and global health, which affects the lives of millions. Uniting nearly 18,000 Korean American physicians across the United States is a commendable task that deserves recognition. Their commitment to service is not only focused on health and medical issues, but extends to mentorship of rising physicians by giving them opportunities to advance their careers.

Please accept my best wishes for a joyous event and many more years of continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kirsten Gillibrand".

Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senator

Ron Kim

The New York State Assembly



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May 13, 2017

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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to welcome you to the Korean American Medical Association's (KAMA) annual Spring Gala. It is my hope that everyone gathered here tonight will join us in recognizing the history and accomplishments of this venerable association.

Since its inception in 1974, KAMA has become a leading not-for-profit national organization of American physicians, representing over 18,000 Korean American doctors in the United States. One of its central tenets is to unite physicians of Korean heritage in order to better serve the Korean American community, and it has quickly established itself as a vital resource for medical practitioners. It is difficult to overstate the essential role KAMA plays in fostering the professional development of its members, and in empowering countless physicians in their efforts to provide essential healthcare services. KAMA has spearheaded many initiatives and programs to address important issues within our community, including: increased risk among older adults for Alzheimer's disease, chronic disease management, and cancer care; the needs of undocumented and uninsured immigrants Korean American immigrants; substance abuse rehabilitation and educational outreach programs; and the need for greater mentorship among students and aspiring physicians.

On behalf of the New York State Assembly, I congratulate the Korean American Medical Association for its dedication and service to our state and country. I look forward to our continued cooperation on behalf of our communities, and express my best wishes for a successful evening.

Sincerely,

Ron Kim  
Member of Assembly  
District 40, Queens





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Dear Korean American Medical Association:

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Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful gala and much continued success!

Sincerely,

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## KAMA 2017 Spring Gala 축하

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KAMA represents over two hundred Korean physicians in the Washington DC and Greater Baltimore area. On behalf of our members, we express our appreciation to the National KAMA and the outstanding achievements of Korean-American physicians like Dr. Choi who work tirelessly to make a meaningful contribution to the Korean-American community.

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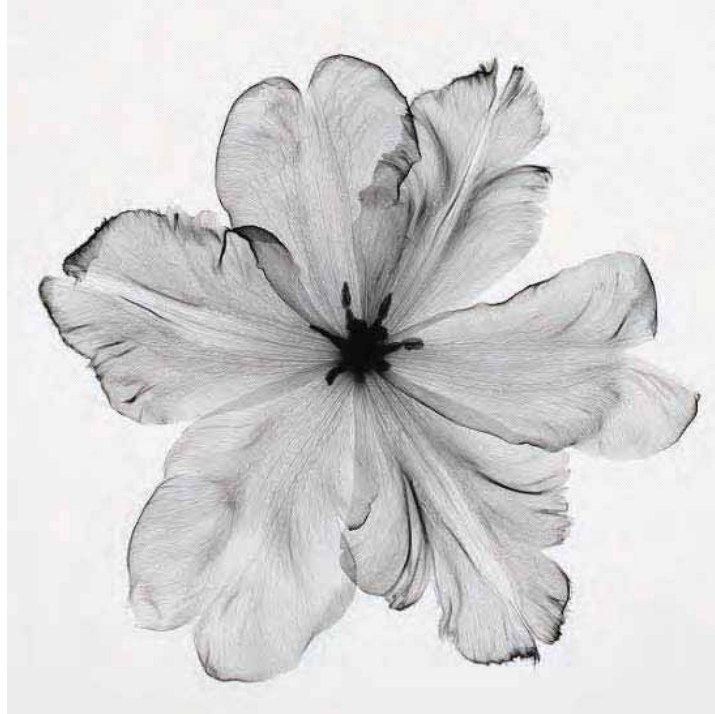
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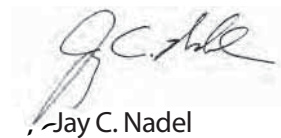
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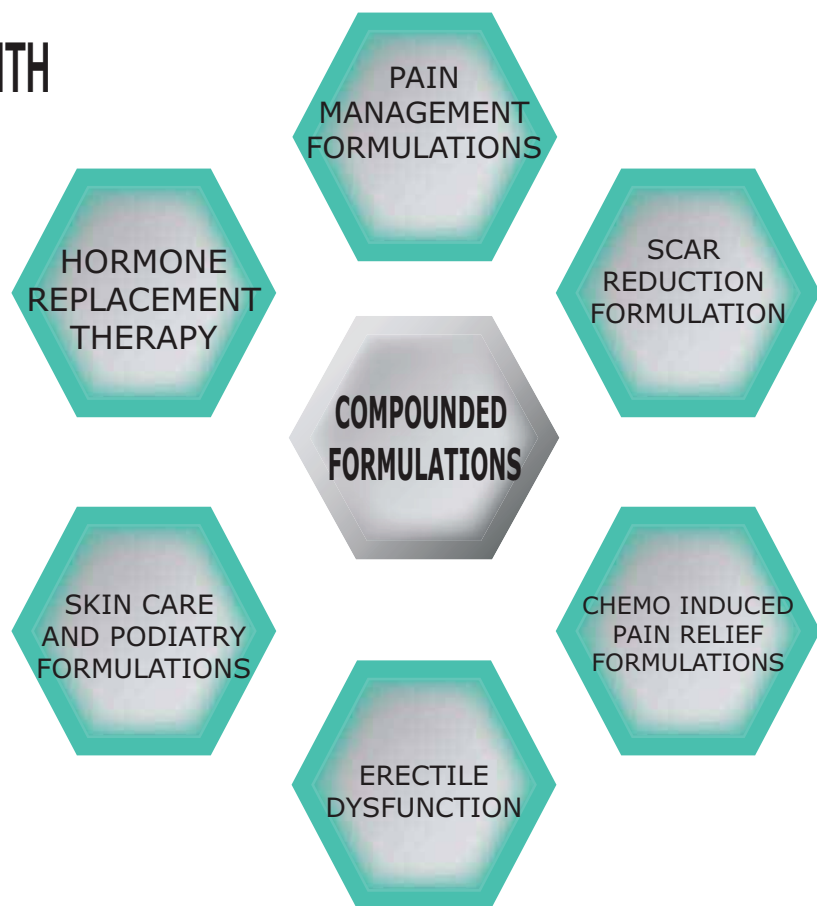
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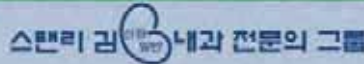
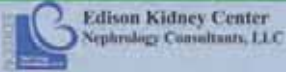
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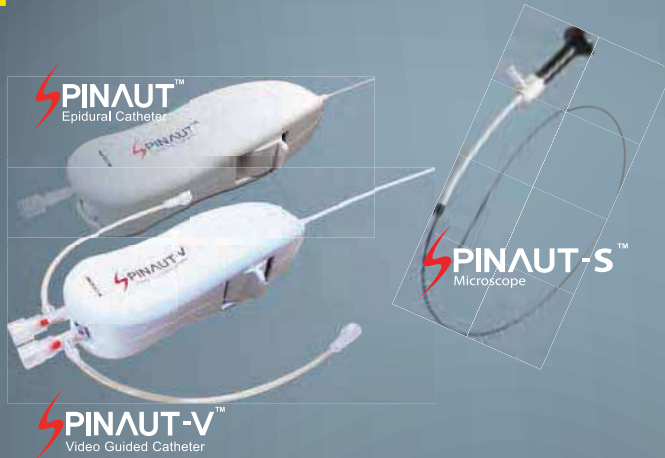
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