

**KOREAN AMERICAN
YOUTH FOUNDATION**



2023 CAREER FORUM

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 AT 6PM ET



WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1993, the **Korean American Youth Foundation's** purpose is to empower our youth to find their voices and make positive impacts in their local communities.

Great leaders have a deep sense of purpose, open-mindedness, and empathy for others. Through our "**We Are Future Leaders**" (WAFL) flagship program, we strive to cultivate daring leaders who dream big, build passion for their visions, and know what it takes to make a lasting impact for others.

CAREER FORUM

The **Career Forum**, a staple of the WAFL Program, is an annual event for our students to meet with Asian Americans working in various professional sectors, and to gain insight on potential careers they'd like to pursue after high school.

OUR MISSION

01

LEADERSHIP

To empower our students by providing them with the tools and support to be leaders in their communities

02

IDENTITY

To foster a strong and confident sense of identity in our students as Asian Americans

03

COMMUNITY BUILDING

To build a supportive and compassionate community driven by our students

MEET THE PANELISTS



JACK BENSON

Chief Executive Officer, Williams Construction Management and FloodCo USA

Jack Benson is the founder and owner of FloodCo USA, a company specializing in water damage and other environmental remediation solutions, and Williams Construction Management, a company specializing in high end construction in New York City.



DR. ERIN CHANG

Trauma Surgeon and Surgical Intensivist, Loma Linda University Medical Center

Dr. Erin Chang spent her younger years in Gunpo, South Korea before moving to New York. She attended SUNY Binghamton for her undergraduate education, and SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY for her medical degree where she also completed her surgical residency. After many years in New York, she took an adventurous leap to University of Miami to subspecialize in Trauma/Critical Care. She currently practices as a Trauma Surgeon and Surgical Intensivist at Loma Linda University Medical Center.



FIONA CHEN

Travel & Lifestyle Content Creator, Finding Fiona

My name is Fiona Chen and I'm a full-time travel and lifestyle content creator behind @findingfiona (415k on TikTok). I create content online that inspires you to travel the world, live an adventurous life, and try new things whether it's a new experience or a new style. I truly believe in living life to the fullest!

MEET THE PANELISTS



JAEKI CHO

Digital Creator, Righteous Eats

A digital creator and wearer of multiple hats, Jaeki Cho is a creator from New York City, whose mission is to champion POC-owned small businesses, entrepreneurs and cultures from around the world. Before becoming a full-time creator (@jaekicho and @righteouseats), he co-produced the feature documentary *Bad Rap* starring Awkwafina, was an editor at XXL magazine, and co-founded the streetwear boutique Alumni in his hometown Flushing, Queens. Jaeki is a polyglot, fluent in Korean, Chinese, and English. He was born in South Korea, spent his elementary school years in Nanjing, and came of age in the United States.



DR. SOOJUNG CLAIRE HUR

Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering and Oncology, Johns Hopkins University

Soojung Claire Hur is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Department of Oncology at Johns Hopkins University. She received her B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from UCLA. Before joining JHU, she managed the clinical studies funded by the Vortex Biosciences, Inc. as an assistant researcher at UCLA Department of Bioengineering. Her primary research goals are in the development of microfluidic platforms to understand complex fluid dynamics principles, to translate acquired knowledge into practical applications, and to modulate single cell behaviors to provide new insights into clinical questions associated with heterogeneity yielding unpredictable therapeutic outcomes.

MEET THE PANELISTS



SAMUEL C. JUNG

*Real Estate Professional,
Century 21 Blue Marlin Pelican*

Samuel Jung is a former United States Marine turned realtor serving the entire Panhandle region of Florida. With a passion for educating, staying ahead of the curve, and helping others, Sam has organically grown his business by 1000% through word of mouth by using his expertise in emerging technologies, social media algorithms, cutting-edge marketing strategies, and negotiating skills. His commitment to staying on top of the latest trends has allowed him to provide top-notch service for his clients, making him the go-to choice for a wide variety of clients looking for a knowledgeable and reliable realtor who genuinely cares and stays in touch with his clients, even long after a successfully closed transaction.



CINDY J. KIM

*Global Revenue Enablement Manager,
Inspectorio*

Cindy Kim is an Global Enablement leader who has 4 years of experience in the startup space as a manager and 8 years in sales of various verticals. She believes in the power of servant leadership and is enthusiastic about program management, content development, and developing/coaching others to their goals. Cindy is known by her peers to lead confidently through changes while supporting her team through example. She loves to learn about new perspectives from others and connecting the dots to bring roadmaps to life.

MEET THE PANELISTS



TINA LEE

Registered Nurse, Mount Sinai Hospital

Tina Lee is a licensed registered nurse that has practiced in a medical-surgical unit at Englewood Health for the past two years. Having graduated from her accelerated nursing program in the summer of 2020, Tina entered the profession at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and was very quickly wrapped into the ebb and flow of inpatient care. With this invaluable experience, she now embarks on a new chapter as a staff nurse in the emergency department at Mount Sinai Hospital. Driven by her passion for advocacy and patient care, Tina takes pride in being a prudent, compassionate, and everlearning professional in the healthcare field, especially during this post-COVID era. Her long-term goals include stepping into critical care roles, pursuing certification in nursing specialties, and obtaining a masters in nursing education.



DANDAN ZOU

Education Reporter, Newsday Long Island

Dandan Zou is an education reporter at Newsday on Long Island. She previously worked at Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine in Washington, D.C. and a community newspaper in Maryland. She earned a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri in Columbia. She joined Newsday in 2019 and covered local government before moving to the education beat. As an education reporter, she wrote about the changing student demographics in Long Island schools and a chronic absence crisis that became worse during pandemic years. She also covered alleged teacher misconduct and worked on stories that examined a Long Island school district's handling of allegations through records obtained by FOIL. During the pandemic, she extensively wrote about anti-Asian hate and the community response.



THANK YOU!



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