

## Eastern Regional Chapter 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Award Banquet

The Korean American Scholarship Foundation Eastern Regional Chapter (KASF-ERC) held its 48th annual scholarship award banquet on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna, VA. Almost two hundred donors, sponsors, guests, and recipients gathered to celebrate the personal and academic achievements of the recipients and show appreciation to donors and sponsors for their generosity. KASF-ERC awarded scholarships to 56 recipients for the 2017-2018 academic school year.



The banquet began with welcoming remarks by President Eric Suh and a congratulatory message from Minister Dong Gi Kim, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Washington, D.C. Prior to dinner, banquet attendees whet their appetites with a beautiful rendition of Bach-Busoni's "Chaconne" performed by Pianist and scholarship recipient Ms. Youngju Lee.

Following the full course dinner, Ms. Y. Michele Kang, CEO and Founder of Cognosante, delivered keynote remarks for the evening. She inspired students and donors alike with her life story highlighting the need to aim high and that no obstacle is insurmountable. After Ms. Kang's remarks, banquet attendees enjoyed a ballet performance by the KIROV Academy of Ballet.

After the performance, donors and sponsors presented students with their scholarships, allowing students a chance to personally thank those who supported them. Mr. Owen Lee-Park, one of the two 2017 super scholarship recipients, delivered a heart-warming speech expressing his gratitude for KASF's support of his career path in medical school and expressed his desire to contribute to others in the future.

Ms. Sandy Chang, the banquet chair, ended the banquet with her closing remarks.

