

The following is the script used by Mr. Karl Steinkamp, Director of Dalat International School in the 2017 Awards Ceremony.

The Eagle All Around award is the final major award presented by Dalat Int'l School. The winner of this award must meet the following criteria to be considered for selection:

Criteria:

- Must have a positive impact on the school in multiple ways
- Must excel in and have earned a PIN in three of the four major award areas
- Must have shown leadership in the school
- Must show outstanding personal character

The decision of who receives the award is decided by the awards committee and is difficult one each year.

In the past I have tried to describe this person in a way that makes the announcement a “surprise” at the end but simply I cannot do that with this year’s winner.

As stated earlier the winner of this award must excel in at least three of the four major award areas. This person excelled in all four areas:

- In Sports: he played Varsity Volleyball , Varsity Softball, Track & Field, was Team MVP – Track & Field, given the Sportsmanship Award – Volleyball.
- In the area of Fine Arts: he was involved in the high school band, the jazz band and forensics where he participated in impromptu and the debate team.
- In the area of Leadership: he was the student body president.
- In the area of Service: he was involved in Peer Tutoring, PIC Worship, working at the Harrapan Center, and reached level 8 this year with 160 hours total for his high school career.
- Academically: he was selected to the National Honor Society as a junior, has won numerous course awards throughout high school and finished with a 4.1 GPA.

Traditionally I have asked staff to help me describe the student who will be receiving the award and here are just some of the comments made about this year’s winner:

Andrew Kim was a phenomenal president for StuCo. He was a servant leader who volunteered for all tasks, even the most menial ones. He spent time to learn about leadership on his own (either through books or observing other leaders) and would practically incorporate his learnings. As a student, he was always trying to improve his writing; he even challenged himself to learn APA

formatting. But beyond his hard work he was also willing to connect deeply with the assignments and be vulnerable; he wrote a beautiful piece about his father. As a track athlete, he won the MVP award. While his leg was recovering, he volunteered as the events coach. He came to every practice and meet, giving great advice and encouragement. As a performer, he won two medals at the ACSC tournament to help the team win 2nd place.

Andrew has a servant heart. He volunteers for jobs that no one else wants to do, such as washing dishes after the After JSB Dinner, moving sound equipment to and from Paradise before and after Baccalaureate, and coming back to campus after Fine Arts to help unload equipment. He was involved in so many extracurricular activities all year but kept his grades up despite his overloaded schedule. This is all very impressive, but what impressed me the most this year was his response to his life changing injury. I never heard him complain of his new need to be dependent on so many to do everyday tasks, when he was, and is, clearly one of the most independent young men I have had the pleasure to teach. He seemingly took everything in stride, and praised the Lord for the big and little ways he was cared for.

Andrew is good natured and hard working. He is a risk taker that handles both success and failure with grace and humor. I've seen him be tough as nails and as gentle as a butterfly. He genuinely loves people and has a huge servant heart.

Here is an Andrew story: When he broke his leg this year, he missed two full weeks of my class. He was completely out of commission ... no class notes, no book readings, no nothing for two weeks. The day he returned we were having a chapter test over material that Andrew had completely missed. He asked "Mr. Kilgo, should I take this test?" Not realizing that he hadn't studied at all, I said "I would like you to take it if you think you can." Andrew studied for literally three minutes and earned the highest score in the entire class of 28 students. As for his integrity, here is another story: Once Andrew missed a big problem on a test, one worth 15% of the entire test. I accidentally marked it as correct and gave him the points. He came to me later and alerted me to the error, and I begrudgingly had to lower his score. No one ever would have known if he had kept silent ... but that's what integrity is - doing the right thing even when no one is watching.

I have seen 1st hand his interest in the less fortunate & his desire to help them to improve their circumstances. He enjoys serving others and leads by example: many of our students have served at the Harapan center with him over the past 4 years, teaching migrant workers children.

If Einstein had an apprentice it would have been Andrew Kim. They would have enjoyed each other's company, wrestling with questions pertaining to how the world works with the same vibrant curious nature. I use the term vibrant

as it best represents Andrew's questioning of everything. He inquires with a passion that goes beyond just understanding but a desire to master. He asks multidimensional questions about the simplest of things. A true explorer for the joy of just exploring what his creator has made. As Einstein stated and Andrew Kim would agree; "I want to know how God created this world...I want to know his thoughts". Though Einstein greatly changed the world; he was limited by not believing in a personal relationship with God and I am confident if Andrew had been Einstein's apprentice he would have challenged him on that.

It is my honor to award the 2017 Eagle All-Around Award to **Andrew Kim**.