

GLOBAL YOUTH LEADERS



2022-2023

About GYL ✨

Global Youth Leaders is an organization founded in 2009. It is an organization that dedicates time to train future leaders by giving youth opportunities to volunteer, and to work on their leadership skills. Since its inception, GYL has helped various communities around the world in many different ways.

Mission Statement

The goal of GYL is to inspire and empower youth to become socially responsible leaders in their home, community, country and around the globe in order to create a just and sustainable future.



Vision

Strive for education and skills training to develop the potential of each and every member. Build social awareness and compassion for issues that impact the lives of all living things through a loving and caring attitude. Encourage community services that address the needs of at-risk members of society. Promote cross-cultural and ethical discourse, understanding and cooperation. Achieve strength and integrity of character to become a role model for others within our local and global communities.

Message from the GYL Executives



Lia Chang
President



Trinity Hao
Vice President



Apple Seo
Secretary

GYL strives to empower the youth of our generation to become worldly responsible leaders. Many of our activities have transitioned back to being in person and we could not congratulate our members enough for their resiliency.

The progress that we have accomplished this year could not have been achieved without each and every one of our members. We commend them for their hard work, which has allowed for this organization to flourish.

Thank you everybody for another amazing year and we hope to see many new faces in the coming term!

MESSAGE FROM GYL'S FOUNDER



Dr. Raymond Cho

I am delighted and honoured to offer my warmest welcome to everyone attending the 14th Annual Forum of Global Youth Leaders Canada (GYL)!

GYL was founded with one clear goal: to empower young people to future leaders. As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of leadership, and of our global community, has never been more evident.

We can all see how interconnected our world is and how actions taken in one part of the world can have ripple effects across the entire planet. This is why volunteering and giving back is so crucial to the success, and survival of humanity.

GYL is providing you with many of the tools you will need to help you be effective leaders in our communities. In return, we ask you to go and make a difference – each and every person that you help is creating positive ripples that help to lift all of us.

I feel truly blessed and privileged to be part of the GYL family with you. I hope that you feel a real sense of pride and accomplishment in all that you have, and will continue to achieve. This forum is both a showcase of the accomplishments of GYL members and also helps build the oneness that binds our communities together.

There is nothing more humbling and awe-inspiring than seeing our youth grow to become the leaders of tomorrow. To you we entrust our future and I am delighted to say that it is in amazing hands.

I wish you a productive and engaging forum as well as another successful year of leadership in action. Stay safe and be well!

Dr. Raymond Cho

Founder, Global Youth Leaders

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HOMEWORK CLUB



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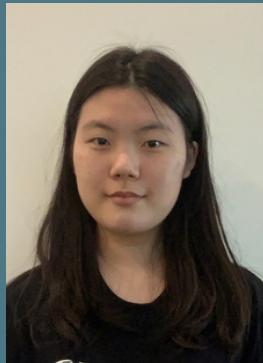
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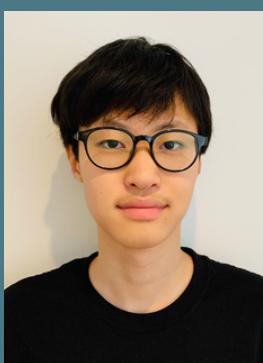
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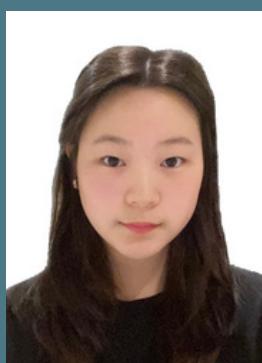
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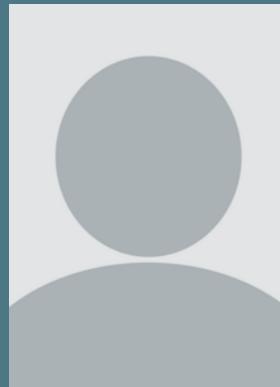
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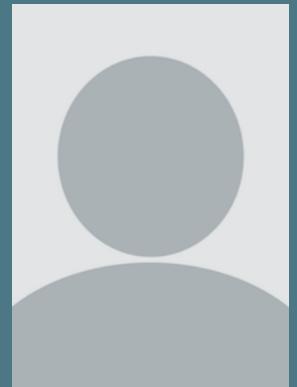
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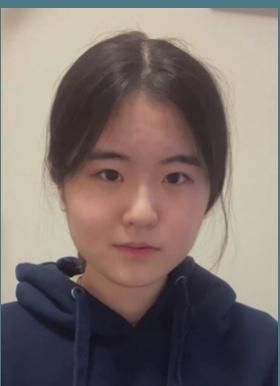
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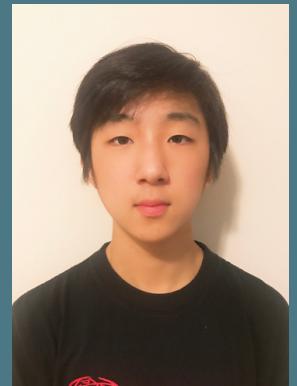
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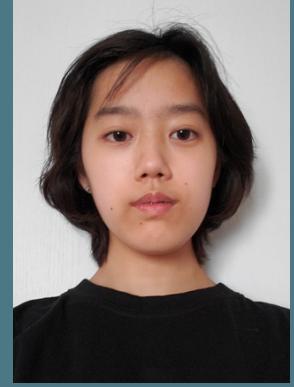
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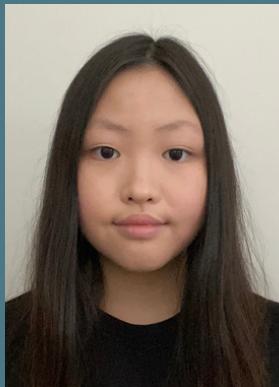
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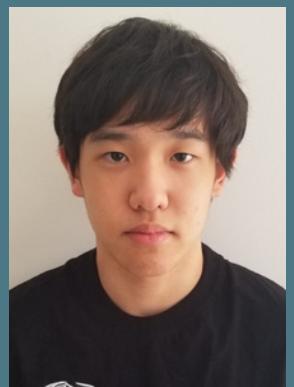
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MINA PARK
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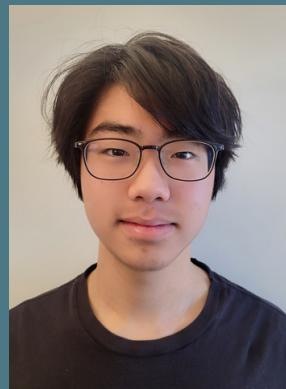
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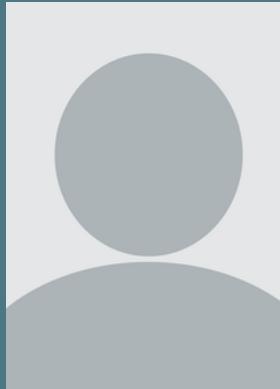


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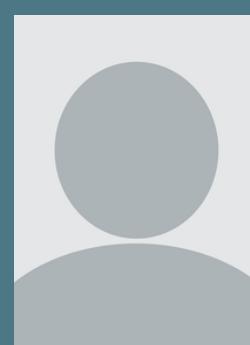
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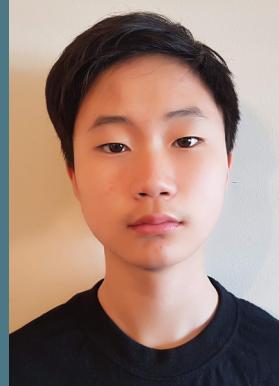
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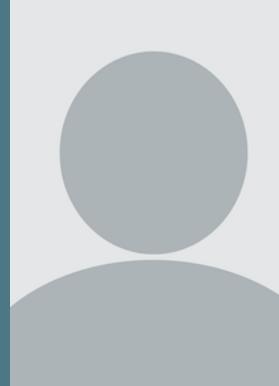
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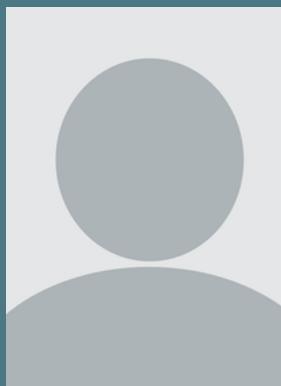
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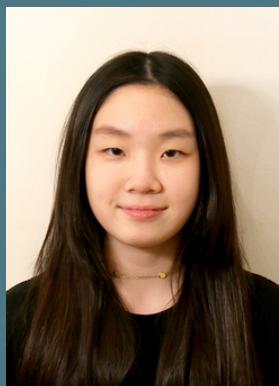
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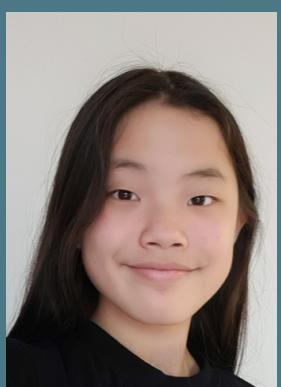
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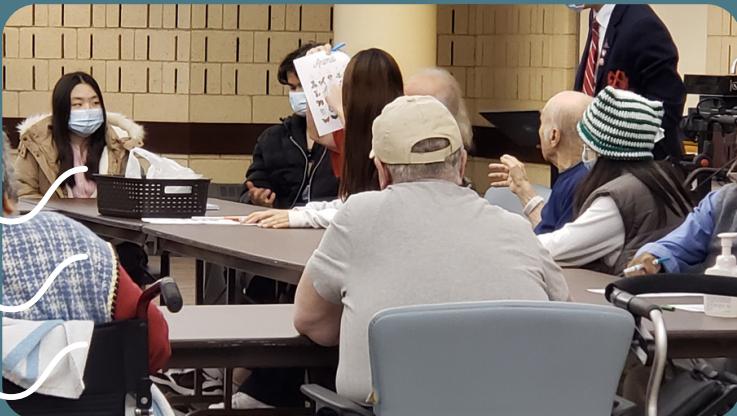
SOMYUNG HONG
GRADE 7



GAON KIM
GRADE 7

Cummerlodge

Then from January to April, we lead picture bingo with the idea of making bingo more accessible and engaging. The bingo cards had themes like animals and fruit, and for residents who had hearing difficulties a large sized version of the picture that was called was held up for them to see. GYL volunteers sat next to the residents, and worked to ensure that the residents felt comfortable and had fun during the game. Prizes, ranging from notebooks to chocolate, were also handed out to the winners.



The 2022-2023 year was, to say the least, very successful and through Cummer Lodge GYL volunteers were able to give back to their community in a meaningful and fun way. It has been a rewarding experience coming to the home bi-weekly and playing activities like picture bingo and colouring with the residents.

Cummer Lodge is a long term care home that houses 391 residents, many of whom suffer from dementia. This year with the return of in-person volunteering, we introduced two original and interactive ideas for the residents to enjoy. From October to December, we ran a colouring around the world activity with each session being themed to a different country for the residents to explore through colouring sheets, cultural music, and a video compilation of all of the country's most historic landmarks. At the end of each session, each resident was given a passport book and a sticker corresponding to that week's country to keep as a souvenir. GYL volunteers enjoyed hearing the many travel stories that the residents had to share during the activity.



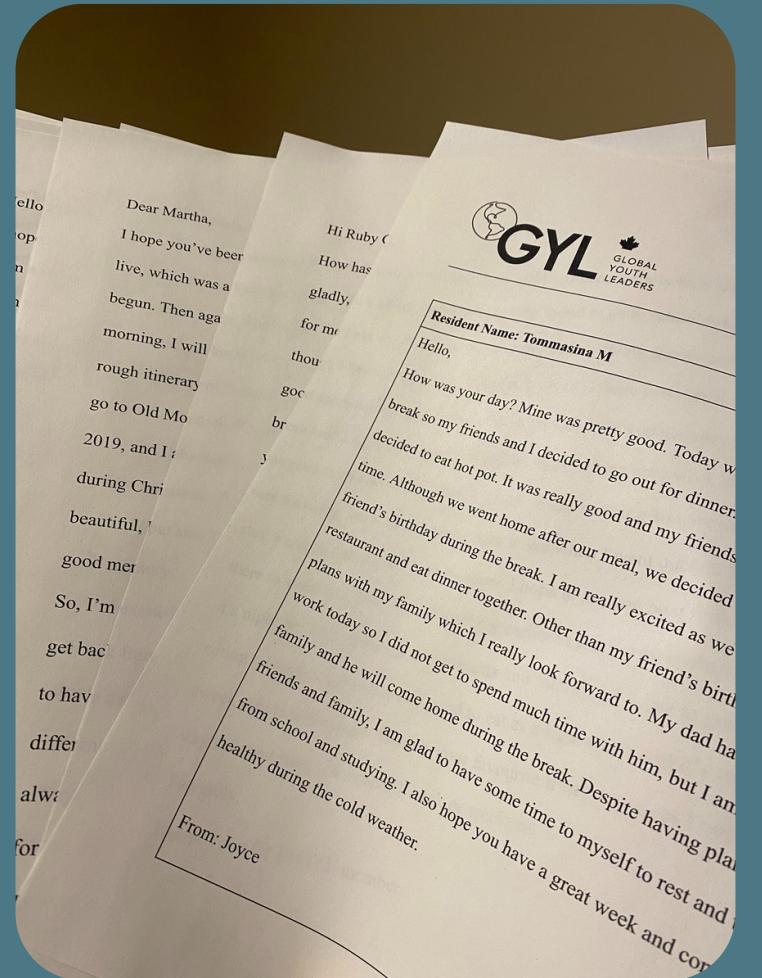
Castleview Wychwood Towers



As the COVID-19 situation improved this year, volunteers were able to physically go to Castleview Wychwood Towers and meet the residents face to face. Volunteers rotated monthly to host bingo and movie nights for the residents.

In addition, volunteers continued writing letters through the Pen Pal Program which was developed during the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. Our volunteers sent letters to their assigned residents on a biweekly basis. Through the letters, volunteers were able to maintain a connection with the residents, although visiting monthly.

Positive feedback and appreciation received from the volunteer coordinator and the residents reminded us of the importance of in-person volunteering, which was missing during the past few years. The interactions between the volunteers and the residents led to many smiles on the residents' faces. We are pleased with the work we did this year and hopeful for the day when we can pay the residents more frequent visits. We would like to thank everyone for another successful year at Castleview and wish you the best of luck in the years to come in keeping our residents content.



Homework Club



The screenshot shows a Google Chrome window with a math worksheet titled "LESSON 14.3" for "Zeros in Division". The worksheet asks students to write the number of digits in each quotient for the following division problems:

- 1. $4 \overline{)364}$
- 2. $6 \overline{)612}$
- 3. $3 \overline{)411}$
- 4. $7 \overline{)105}$
- 5. $5 \overline{)545}$
- 6. $8 \overline{)432}$
- 7. $7 \overline{)905}$
- 8. $2 \overline{)123}$
- 9. $3 \overline{)312}$
- 10. $4 \overline{)429}$
- 11. $6 \overline{)526}$
- 12. $4 \overline{)436}$
- 13. $6 \overline{)724}$
- 14. $5 \overline{)531}$
- 15. $9 \overline{)250}$
- 16. $7 \overline{)903}$

Below the problems, there is a section titled "Mixed Review". To the right of the browser window are six video call frames showing children participating in the club. The frames are arranged in two columns of three. The top-left frame is blank (white circle). The other five frames show children in various settings, likely their homes or classrooms.

Here at GYL homework club, we understand the importance that community involvement is how we as Global Youth Leaders can give back by providing an opportunity to enrich your child's academic studies while providing a place of laughs and smiles. Our team of executives and parents have one common belief, and that is the fact that this program was designed not for homework to be taken home, but a place of lively energy that brings the Korean/Canadian community together to share in our spirit and values.

The screenshot shows a video conference interface with a news article titled "Kelyn and Lily Stay Strong". The article discusses a girl named Kelyn A. and her mother staying strong through challenges. It mentions that Kelyn's mother is also a school's counselor and that Kelyn didn't want to be called a teacher and the counselor problem, and Lily says she will help if needed. The article also speaks up for herself and others when their actions hurt. It notes that Kelyn has asked his teachers for help, and his different teachers have shown counts of attention to the student. The video conference interface shows several video call frames on the right side, with one frame showing a child and another showing a white circle.

At the beginning of every year, we outline our policy and responsibilities that we've taken to ensure a safe space that welcomes all. We do so by constantly working to improve the organization so that your son or daughter can build relationships with their peers, instructors, and one another outside in the real world. Our process fosters a sense of community and encourages a growth mindset where students can learn from each other's strengths and weaknesses. That's our mission here, to develop the leaders of the future by opening our door in assisting those in need. The ideology of "paying it forward" is something that is deeply rooted in the culture here since to us, we were students of these types of programs when we were once a child. Therefore, we will never stop in supporting the younger generation to not only grow in academics but as people that will help create a better future for all.

Samulnori

Throughout the year, our GYL Samulnori team dedicated itself to a deeper understanding of this traditional Korean music genre, fostering a vibrant atmosphere with captivating percussion performances. Emphasizing the splendor of Korean traditional music, our team values the significance of preserving cultural traditions and passing on the musical legacy to future generations.



Samulnori comprises four primary instruments: Buk, Janggu, Kkwaenggwari, and Jing, each symbolizing a natural element - clouds, wind, thunder, and rain, respectively. Year after year, we explore various rhythm sequences, alternating between nanta, focusing on rhythm, and samulnori, with a greater emphasis on musical elements. Due to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we concentrated on mastering the Janggu this year.

This year Samulnori was back in person, allowing us to play together. This was very helpful since playing in sync was very difficult online. The GYL Samulnori team met every other Saturday with our amazing teacher, Mr. Baek Choong-Heun. His passion and encouragement between our members, in addition to his constructive criticism, allowed us to strengthen our skills and learn a lot through the Samulnori program.

Amidst the difficulties, our Samulnori team found solace in rediscovering our profound Korean identity. As enthusiastic ambassadors of our culture, we take immense pride in sharing our heritage, and we eagerly look forward to continuing our efforts in promoting Korean culture and the joyous art of Samulnori in the years to come.

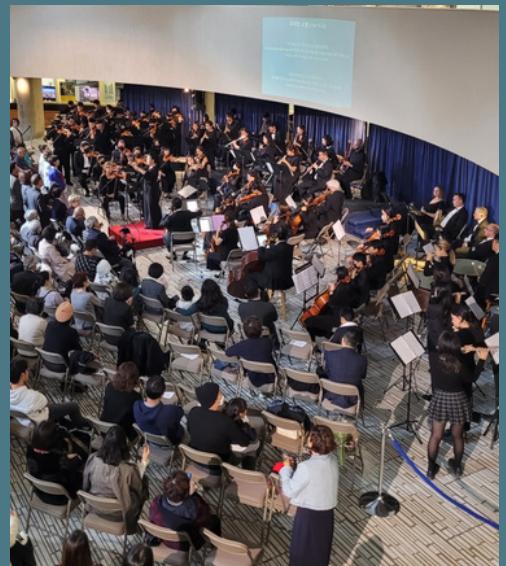
Ensemble



GYL Ensemble is a group of string players, as well as percussion, woodwind, and brass instrumentalists who demonstrate a passion for music. We held biweekly rehearsals on Saturdays where we practice and perform a great selection of music from orchestra classics to suites.

This year we had the opportunity to play pieces like Friend Like Me, Por una Cabaza, and B Rosette. Individuals improved, and the group as a whole improved noticeably. Our conductor and members all worked extremely hard to perform difficult compositions using newly developed approaches. Due to Covid-19 last year, GYL Ensemble was held on Zoom. However, we are now back in person where our rehearsals are held at the Edithvale Community Centre.

For our meetings, we usually start with warm-up exercises before we begin practicing our songs. Then, we dive into our repertoire and work on specific sections that need improvement. Our conductor provides guidance and feedback to help us enhance our musicality and technique. In addition, GYL Ensemble was given the opportunity to share and spread the joy of music with residents at Castleview senior home; we performed multiple pieces including holiday classics. In addition, our ensemble had the opportunity to play at the So One Peace Concert along with the Sohrai Youth Orchestra. These performances offered the opportunity to develop our musical technique, experience, and knowledge. We thank our conductor Kim Sung-Joon for making this possible. We hope to see new members joining us next year in this great opportunity.



TIMELINE

July, 2009 Initiated a Community Clean-Up led by Toronto City Councillor Raymond Cho

July - August, 2009 Provided a free summer camp to children from low-income neighborhoods

September, 2009 Travelled to Jamaica in the winter of 2009 to visit the Dare to Care Children's Home

Oct. - November, 2009 Raised funds to assist typhoon victims in the Philippines.

December, 2009 Organized a Christmas party for children of single parents.

Nov., 2009 to Present Initiated Homework Club

November, 2011 Six GYL members revisited Jamaica reuniting with children born with HIV/AIDS.

December, 2011 GYL participated in numerous events at Castleview Wychwood Seniors' Home.

January 7, 2012 Initiated the Public Speaking Workshop

April 14, 2012 Participated in the Annual/Spring Summer Community Clean-up in the neighbourhood of Scarborough Rouge-River.

April 27, 2012 Hosted the GYL Ensemble Concert at the Castleview Wychwood Seniors' Home.

April 29, 2012 Hosted the 3rd Annual GYL Forum.

May 12, 2012 Planted approximately 500 trees close to the Toronto Zoo.

June 9, 2012 Held the monthly GYL General Meeting at the North York Civic Centre

June 8-9, 2012 Participated in the overnight Toronto Zoo Camp.

June 18-22, 2012 Travelled to the Philippines to build houses as part of the relief effort for victims of typhoon.

July, 23-29, 2012 Visited South Korea for the Gangneung Camp.

July 28, 2012 Volunteered with the Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (LEAF)

September 1, 2012 Held the Annual Picnic at the Bloor-Christie Park for the seniors.

September 15, 2012 Volunteered for the North Korean Refugee's Group Wedding Ceremony at the Council Chamber of the Toronto City Hall.

October 21-24, 2012 Participated in the 2012 Gangneung Inter-city Intangible Cultural Cooperation Network (ICCN) Conference.

December 1, 2012 Welcomed the inspiring speech of Senator Paul Shin (Washington States, USA) with 260 guests who attended the GYL General Meeting.

December 1, 2012 Began the Weekly English as a Second Language (ESL) Program to teach the North Korean refugee children at the Alpha Korean United Church.

December 14, 2012 Hosted the Special Concert, organized by GYL Ensemble and Samulnori, at Castleview Wychwood Seniors' Home

December 22, 2012 In cooperation with H-Mart, held the Making Kimchi with Love Event and delivered 200 cabbages of Kimchi to the Sharon Nursing Home while performing a concert.

January 13, 2013 Participated in the 2013 Gangneung Inter-city Intangible Cultural Cooperation Network (ICCN) Conference.

March, 2013 Hosted the 4th Annual GYL Forum.

April, 2013 Members of GYL planted approximately 500 trees at 1156 Sewells Rd.

July-August, 2013 2nd visit by members of GYL Korea, from Gangneung, South Korea, made a week-long visit to Toronto.

August, 2013 Initiated six-week long GYL leadership camp program to help all the GYL members improve their leadership skills.



TIMELINE

November, 2013 Initiated GYL essay contest to bring recognition to student writers.

December, 2013 Member of GYL hosted The Making Kimchi with Love Event with H-mart and delivered cases of Kimchi to the Sharon Nursing Home.

December, 2013 Members of GYL volunteered to host an Ensemble Concert and Samulnori for the seniors in Castleview Wychwood Senior's Home.

February, 2014 Initiated various GYL clubs (Sports Club, Baking Club, Movie Club, Issue Club, etc) to learn important leadership and management skills.

March, 2014 Special March break event - Invited by Toronto International Film Festival to tour and watch movies.

April, 2014 GYL received an Annual Volunteer Recognition award from Castleview Wychwood Senior's Home.

May, 2014 Annual Tree Planting Event.

June 6th, 2014 The introduction of 30 new GYL members.

July, 2014 Two parents of students and 11 students, and Councillor Raymond Cho embarked on a journey to the Philippines to deliver funds and help construct houses for the victims of the typhoon.

July, 2014 The students of GYL Canada participated in an international camp hosted by our friends and family at GYL Korea.

December, 2014 With the help of the Canadian-Korean supermarket H-mart, the GYL students created 400 cabbages worth of kimchi to donate to the less fortunate communities.

December, 2014 The students of GYL regularly host a movie night for the seniors of the Castleview Seniors Home.

December, 2014 A homecoming party was organized to connect the current GYL members with the members who have graduated and have gone to university.

January, 2015 Resumption of the Castleview movie night, and homework club programs.

January, 2015 In collaboration with the Muslim Welfare Centre, GYL has contributed to the creation of another well in Pakistan, our second contribution after a well was created in May 2014

February, 2015 GYL members donated 800 Korean books to the North York Library.

March, 2015 The GYL members created sandwiches to distribute to the homeless.

May 3, 2015 Hosted the 6th Annual GYL Forum.

May 9, 2015 Annual Tree Planting Event.

May 23, 2015 The GYL bazaar took place. The proceeds went to purchasing goods for typhoon victims in the Philippines, low-income neighborhoods, and flood victims.

July 31 - August 1, 2015 Participated in the overnight Toronto Zoo Camp.

September 14 2015 Held the Public Speaking Workshop

September 26, 2015 GYL Bazaar was organized which raised funds for GYL.

September 26, 2015 Members of GYL volunteered to host an Ensemble Concert for the seniors at Rose of Sharon Retirement

November 7, 2015 Participated in packing supplies such as winter clothing etc. for Syrian Refugees at the Muslim Welfare Centre.

November 11, 2015 Held the GYL Essay Contest to bring recognition to student writers.

TIMELINE

November 27, 2015 Hosted the GYL Ensemble Concert at the Castleview Senior's Home.

December 5, 2015 Members of GYL hosted the Making Kimchi with Love Event with H-mart and delivered Kimchi to the Nursing Home.

December 28, 2015 Hosted the GYL Year-end Party with former GYL members.

January 16, 2016 Held Candlelight rally against the experimentation of hydrogen bombs, appealing the release a Pastor Lim from North Korea, and the comfort women issue.

March 21-22, 2016 Participated in Korean Canadian Student Scholarship Foundation Leadership Camp.

April 30, 2016 Participated Habitat for Humanity on GTA Build Day.

May 14, 2016 Tree Planting at Casebridge Ct., Scarborough

May 21, 2016 The 7th GYL Forum at KCCA May 21, 2016 Creation and circulation of the GYL newsletter

June 7, 2016 Orientation for the new GYL members at North York Civic Centre

July 29, 2016 GYL Bush Camp at Toronto Zoo

August 29, 2016 Castleview Senior Home Orientation

September 3, 2016 Organize weekly Homework Club at North York Civic Centre

October 2, 2016 Visit to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice at Brampton which visit is being hosted by the Honourable Justice Ricchetti

December 2, 2016 Christmas party at Castleview Wychwood Towers

December 3, 2016 Kimchi making in coordination with H-Mart, Richmond Hill and donates 50 boxes to Rose of Sharon Senior Home and Rainbow Information and Social Services

December 11, 2016 GYL Scholarship award presentation at North York Civic Centre

December 28, 2016 GYL Christmas party at KCCA

May 6, 2017 Annual Tree Planting Event

May 20, 2017 GYL 8th Forum

June 17, 2017 GYL Annual General Meeting August 27, 2017 Pow Wow Festival (First nations reserved area in Hamilton)

September 2, 2017 GYL Picnic at Bruce Mill Conservation Area

September 7, 2017 Orientation for volunteering at Cummer Lodge Long Term Care Nursing Home

September 8, 2017 Orientation for volunteering at Castleview Seniors Home

September 16, 2017 GYL General Meeting at Queen's Park

October 8, 2017 Corn Sale fundraiser for Rose of Sharon

October 14, 2017 GYL Garage Sale & Corn Sale fundraiser for Rose of Sharon

October 23, 2017 Helping seniors at Korean Canadian Alzheimer's Society & Donation Made to Rose of Sharon

November 18, 2017 GYL General Meeting at Queen's Park December 1, 2017 Christmas Party for Castleview Senior Home

December 3, 2017 We One Festival (North York Civic Centre)

December 11, 2017 Christmas Party for Cummer Lodge Nursing Home

December 16, 2017 Kimchi Making for Rose of Sharon Senior's Home

December 28, 2017 Christmas Party for GYL Members

TIMELINE

- January 20, 2018** GYL Annual General Meeting
- April 28, 2018** 9th GYL Annual Forum
- May 12, 2018** Beare Road Landfill Tree Planting
- September 14, 2018** Orientation for volunteering at Castleview Seniors Home
- September 16, 2018** GYL General Meeting
- September 17, 2018** Orientation for volunteering at Cummer Lodge Long Term Care Nursing Home
- October 14, 2018** GYL Garage Sale
- November 4, 2018** Garage Sale Donation
- December 3, 2018** Christmas Party at Castleview Seniors Home
- December 7, 2018** Christmas Party at Cummer Lodge Long Term Care Nursing Home
- December 8, 2018** Kimchi Making
- December 27, 2018** Christmas Party for GYL Members
- February 9, 2019** Lunar New Year Celebration Performance.
- March 16, 2019** General Meeting
- March 30, 2019** Music without Borders Fundraising Performance
- April 27, 2019** 10th GYL Annual Forum
- May 11, 2019** Point Rouge Trail Tree Planting
- May 25, 2019** GYL First General Meeting
- August 14, 2019** Ontario Court House Visit
- August 17, 2019** GYL Introductory Picnic
- August 30, 2019** Orientation for Volunteering at Castleview Wychwood Seniors Home
- September 16, 2019** Orientation for Volunteering at Cummer Lodge Long term Care Nursing Home
- October 13, 2019** GYL Garage Sale
- December 2, 2019** Cummer Lodge Christmas Concert
- December 8, 2019** Castleview Christmas Concert
- January 25, 2020** Sunnybrook Concert for Veterans
- March 1, 2020** GYL Second General Meeting
- September 13, 2020** General Meeting
- November 22, 2020** General Meeting, High School Success Seminar, University Preparation Seminar
- February 28, 2021** General Meeting, Careers and Aspirations Seminar
- May 30, 2021** GYL Annual Forum
- September 19th** General Meeting, Picnic & Clothing Drive
- January 30, 2022** General Meeting, High School Success Seminar, University Preparation Seminar
- April 10, 2022** Raised money for and participated in Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Fundraising event
- May 29, 2022** 13th GYL Annual Forum
- December 17, 2022** Created over 200 care packages for gender-based violence shelter, the Yellow Brick House
- February 26, 2023** General Meeting, High School Success Seminar, University Preparation Seminar
- June 17, 2023** 14th GYL Annual Forum



DANIEL KIM



JAEYI KIM



JENNA KIM



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Congratulations Class of 2023 on your well-deserved success!
We wish you good luck on all your future endeavours!



JUHEE ROH



JUNHEE (DANIEL) KIM



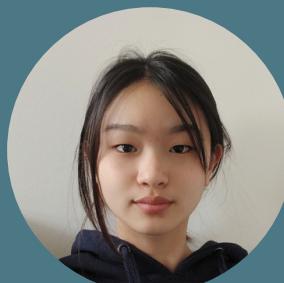
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