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KOREAN CULTURAL CENTER ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2019 KOREAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE VIDEO CONTEST

Youth Division Grand Prize Entry	Adult Division Grand Prize Entry
Adult Division Second Prize Entry	Adult Division Third Prize Entry

To celebrate the establishment of Hangul Day in California, the Korean Cultural Center, Los Angeles (Director Park, Wijin) hosted the 2019 Korean Language and Culture Video Contest. Aubrey H. (of South Carolina) and Alexia M. (of Los Angeles) were selected as Grand Prize winners in the youth and adult divisions, respectively.

A total of 259 entries from 15 states were submitted for the contest, which was held from October 9 to November 15. The contest was open to US residents aged 13 and older who are interested in Hangul and Korean culture. A total of 28 outstanding works were selected for prizes based on the entrant's Korean culture experience, authenticity, and content composition through a careful selection process of preliminary and secondary screenings by external experts.

Aubrey H. (of South Carolina), the grand prize winner in the youth division, submitted a video that expressed how she became exposed to the Korean language and culture and how she plans to learn more about the Korean language in the near future.

Alexia M. (of Los Angeles), the Grand Prize winner in the adult division, contributed a dynamic video of her travels in South Korea, highlighting beautiful landscapes, Hanbok-wearing experience, palace visits, and tasting various Korean foods. In addition, Anna L. (of Nevada), one of the 2nd place winners, also shared her exciting one-month experience of residing in South Korea. She shared her journey of learning the Korean language and immersing herself within the rich culture of South Korea.

In the adult division, the Grand Prize winner will be presented with a Samsung Notebook 7, two (2) First Place winners will each receive a Samsung Galaxy Tab (64GB), and three (3) Second Prize winners will each receive a Samsung Galaxy Tab (32GB). Additionally, the remaining winners will be awarded gift cards valued at \$20 to \$100.

In the youth division, the Grand Prize winner will receive a Samsung Galaxy Tab (64GB) and the other winners will receive gift cards valued at \$25.

Director Park, Wijin of the Korean Cultural Center, Los Angeles, stated that "despite the short submission period, this event was successfully completed with contestants genuinely crafting their videos. With this historic designation of Hangul Day in California, we are pleased to continue to promote the beauty of Korean culture throughout the United States using social media and other media outlets."

The large number of contributions from many U.S. residents sharing their love for Korean culture through this contest will be shared on the Korean Cultural Center, Los Angeles (KCCLA) website (kccla.org) and KCCLA's Instagram page ([#kccla](https://www.instagram.com/kccla)). /END/