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Hello Everyone!

We are excited to announce that the application for the 19th annual Ygnite is now **live!**

Ygnite 2023: Catalyzing Synergy

January 20-21, 2022 | San Jose, CA

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Why go to Ygnite?

Ygnite has brought together Koreans and Korean-Americans from diverse fields for over a decade. Here are a few highlights:

- High-quality speakers who can relate to the Korean-American/Asian-American narrative and the present challenges we face
- Participants from diverse fields, areas of interest, and geographic locations
- A space to share and learn from experiences, research, career paths, the ways we can grow past existing and future challenges
- Excellent career development and leadership workshops
- Unparalleled platforms to network with other participants

We have 7 Avenues of Participation you can choose to apply for Ygnite 2023!

All of which are accompanied by conference registration fee discounts and travel support. We look forward to learning about your area of interest and expertise!

Please visit [Program Information](#) for more details, including the topical categories for each avenue.

Startup Pitch

Ygnite 2023 offers two startup programs, one for aspiring and one for early-stage entrepreneurs. These programs are opportunities for you to pitch your ideas and build strong networks with ambitious and passionate individuals and mentors in business. We hope to encourage and support entrepreneurship in the Korean-American community by offering competitions where entrepreneurs can receive constructive feedback from experienced venture capitalists and established CEOs. This year, we offer an Idea Pitch Competition in addition to a panel discussion, lecture, and networking session focused on startups. Winners from the Idea Pitch competitions will receive cash prizes!

Ygnite Gala

The Ygnite Gala serves as a way for those interested in STEM to connect and build relationships with one another and to learn what the Ygnite and the broader STEM community are doing. We extend the invitation to all people from the local San Jose community as well as those from cultural organizations around the area.

Eligibility to be an Ygnite Participant

Ygnite applicants must:

- Demonstrate interest in issues relating to science, engineering, technology, academia, innovation, and the Korean/Korean-American experience,
- Exhibit strong leadership experience and/or academic excellence in your respective field,
- Identify as a young professional, graduate/professional student, post-doc/professor, or undergraduate in one's 20s or 30s, and

Hold membership with the Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association at the time of registration (<https://www.ksea.org/join.aspx>).

Benefits as an Ygnite Participant & Conference Costs ([Website for more details](#))

The full cost of registration for Ygnite 2023 is \$400, which includes access to all conference programs.

If you are a KSEA member, your all-access discounted registration fee includes the following:

- Access to all conference programs and Gala,
- Three nights of lodging (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night),
- Meals for Friday breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as well as Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

***Three nights (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) of hotel rooms and meals/refreshments during the conference cost approximately \$1025 per participant. However, through the generous support of KSEA and other sponsors, the participant registration fees were discounted by more than 60%.*

Conference Deadlines:

EARLY APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2022, 11:59PM PDT

REGULAR APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 3, 2022, 11:59PM PDT

To apply and for more information visit yg.ksea.org. For general inquiries, please contact ygnite@ksea.org

We look forward to seeing you in San Jose!

Best,

Veronica JungYeon Kim, *Conference Chair*

Dianne Lee, *Conference Co-Chair*

Amy Jang, *Conference Co-Chair*

Taegon Lee, *Conference Co-Chair*

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