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**Korean American Community Expresses Outrage, Grief;
Starts Memorial Fund for Victims of VA Tech Shooting**

Washington, DC – On behalf of the Korean American community, a coalition of Korean American organizations extend their most heartfelt sympathies to the victims of the Virginia Tech tragedy, and does not condone any act of violence. It is the hope of the coalition that the Blacksburg community will be brought together in this time of healing. The coalition is concerned for the welfare of the students as well as their families and will look to support them in their time of need.

“The catastrophe that has befallen the victims and their families is tragic and terrible,” said Gie Kim, President of the KAC-DC chapter. “Our community expresses sympathy with the victims and their families as fellow Americans, and the thoughts and prayers of our community are with them.”

KAC, the Mirae Foundation, and the Southern California Korean College Student Association have joined to create the “*Virginia Tech Memorial Fund*” to support those who have been affected by the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech. The Korean American community hopes that the memorial fund will help the victims and their families recover from this tragedy and begin their healing process.

“We have found an overwhelming outpouring of support from students across the nation for those victims at Virginia Tech,” said Adrian Hong, member of the Board of Directors of the Mirae Foundation. “The students in Blacksburg have the sympathy and support of fellow students all over the nation, as well as our greater community.”

If you would like to contribute to the Virginia Tech Memorial Fund, please send checks to:

**Korean American Coalition
Attn: VA Tech Memorial Fund
1001 Connecticut Ave NW Ste 730
Washington, DC 20036**



KOREAN AMERICAN COALITION

WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER

The Korean American Coalition is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonpartisan, community-based organization established in 1983 in Los Angeles to facilitate the full participation of the Korean American community in civic, legislative and community affairs. KAC has grown into a national organization with nearly 20 chapters and affiliates in major cities, including Washington, D.C., Hawaii and Alaska. As the Korean American community's leading advocacy organization, KAC works to educate, organize, empower and bridge language, cultural and information gaps.

The Mirae Foundation, Inc., was founded by past organizers of the Korean-American Students Conference to ensure the continued group and success of the Korean-American Students Conference (KASCON). Since its birth in 1987 at Princeton University, KASCON has helped thousands of students explore their heritage and shape their future roles in American society by bringing them in touch with each other with prominent Korean-American role models. The Foundation also sponsors awareness and mentorship programs for Korean American college students.

Established in 1970, SCKCSA is a non-partisan, non-profit organization of Korean American college students. SCKCSA has been active for over 30 years, making it the oldest and largest Korean organization in the United States. It is the umbrella organization of all the Korean American Student Associations (KSA/KASA/KC) in the Southern California region. The SCKCSA membership base consists of over 16,000 students from Caltech Korean American Student Association, Cal State Fullerton KC, Cal State Long Beach KASA, Cal State Northridge KASA, Occidental College KASA, UC Irvine KASA, UC Los Angeles KSA, UC Santa Barbara KASA, UC San Diego KASA, UC Riverside KASA, University of Southern California KSA, and Claremont Colleges KASA.

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