



Dahyeon Kim

Dahyeon attends Dimond High School. Dahyeon writes, "in nearly 18 years, I have excelled in my community to exemplify a reversal of the oppression that characterized the lives of women and minorities. I have fought racism and am doing so consistently by striving to destroy all stereotypes through my actions. I empower women in a similar fashion. I have overcome obstacles

such as the inability to communicate in the English language and the frightening prospects that follow cancer." She explains, "as a Korean, a person is easily classifiable as a certain race from physical appearance; I have learned the dangers of stereotyping long before most."

Dahyeon continues, "family has always played an important part in my life. No matter what, family came first. We did everything together." In fourth grade, Dahyeon's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Fortunately, Dahyeon's mother is a survivor, and it has been six years since her diagnosis. Dahyeon volunteers at Providence Hospital every Friday and participates annually in the Relay for Life, an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Dahyeon is an active member of the Dimond High School American Cancer Society Club and is currently the president. She writes, "cancer has indeed been the greatest obstacle in my life, but it has also been a major component in determining who I am today. Because I have had this experience, I can truly empathize with those going through the same process."

Dahyeon cares for nature and is the vice president of the Green Effects Club at school. Dahyeon also volunteers at the Imaginarium and the Kiwi English Library--an institution where children learn English through contact with books in South Korea. Dahyeon takes AP classes, plays the flute, received high ranking s in consecutive UAA Solo and Ensemble competitions, creates visual art, and is interested in psychology.