“NetKAL gave me permission to be more outgoing, bold and aggressive. Now I think, why not do more? You have potential, so they give you tools to do your thing, which then helps the community. You’re a part of a larger mission. NetKAL is a very big part of my life and always will be.”

—PATRICK CHUNG, JD
PRINCIPAL AT ACCRETIVE LLC, NETKAL FELLOW, CLASS VI (2011)
NetKAL Facts & Figures

- Founded in 2006
- 900 leaders part of the NetKAL network
- National network with a strong presence in New York, Washington, D.C., San Francisco Bay Area, and Los Angeles
- Leadership Council of 40 members who serve as mentors and advisors to the network
- Network includes engineers, physicians, professors, nonprofit directors, entrepreneurs, financiers, entertainers, city planners, policymakers, attorneys, and executives from numerous industries

NetKAL Leadership

NetKAL is led by a director who also serves on the faculty at the USC School of Social Work. The network is guided by an active board of advisors, which includes past fellows, accomplished Korean-American leaders and the dean of the USC School of Social Work.

USC School of Social Work

NetKAL is headquartered at the University of Southern California School of Social Work and is a part of the USC Center for Asian-Pacific Leadership, which promotes innovative education opportunities that prepare emerging leaders to meet the challenges facing the Pacific Rim. The center is based at the School of Social Work because its activities closely align with the school’s mission to strengthen communities by fostering robust leadership through training, cross-disciplinary networking and research programs.

Marilyn Flynn, dean of the USC School of Social Work; left; Jehoon Lee, NetKAL director; Grace Yoo, NetKAL fellow and executive director, Korea American Coalition; Stewart Kim, NetKAL advisor and board member, and managing partner and founder, PGP Capital Advisors, LLC; and Sung Kim, U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Korea.
NetKAL Programs

Fellows Leadership Program
NetKAL annually selects 25 emerging Korean-American leaders to be part of its Fellows Leadership Program. Fellows participate in a series of six intensive monthly weekend training workshops and seminars, are given opportunities to network with experienced leaders, and collectively develop a project that encourages civic leadership in the community. This innovative program provides fellows with skills, mentoring and resources that can transform their professional careers, personal lives and communities.

Annual Summit
The Annual Summit engages NetKAL members and fellows from across the country in dialogue about issues facing the future of the Asia-Pacific Rim. The summit brings together influential multidisciplinary leaders to learn from one another, network, and plan collaborative ventures to promote the advancement of Korean-Americans and their communities.

Korea Conference
Every three years, a delegation of NetKAL members travel to Korea to connect with business, civic and government leaders. The Korea Conference strengthens existing ties and expands NetKAL’s growing network of connections between the United States and the Pacific Rim.

Regional Engagement
Regional events and activities are held by local committees to promote networking and engagement by NetKAL fellows, members of the NetKAL alliance, and friends.
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