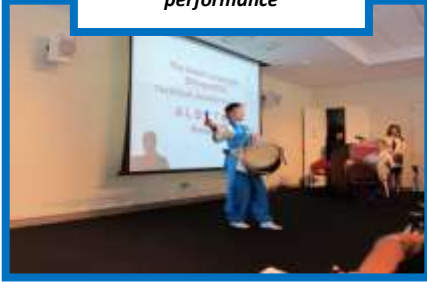


The 2011 Awards Ceremony for ALBETAC Annual Statewide Contests: the Eighteenth Chinese Painting Contest, the Sixteenth Korean Essay Contest and the Fourth Chinese Essay Contest

Ji Hwan Choi opens the event with a Korean drum performance



On May 27th the Awards Ceremony for the 2011 Chinese and Korean Essay Contests and the Chinese Painting Contest was held at New York University's Kimmel Center. About 120 students, parents and educators participated in a program filled with joy as they celebrated the Asian cultures during Asian-Pacific Heritage Month. The program opened with a Korean Traditional Drum Performance by JiHwan Choi, from Old Bethpage JFK High School in Plainview, New York. Following this wonderful performance, Lisa Lin, Mistress of

Ceremonies, introduced Pat Lo, the Director of ALBETAC to welcome the contest winners, their families, teachers, and distinguished guests to the Awards Ceremony. Dr. Juan Vargas, of the NYSED Office of Bilingual Education and Foreign Language Studies, provided opening remarks.

The awards for the Fourth Annual Chinese and the Sixteenth Annual Korean Essay Contests were presented first. The theme for this year's essay contest was "Facing Changes". Awards were given to two categories of students, those in grades 6 through 8 (Group I) and those in grades 9 through 12 (Group II). During this part of the program, Woo Sung Kang, a former ELL student

shared his personal story with us. He had come to the United States from Korea as a high school student. He spoke of how he had overcome the obstacles of learning academic subjects taught in English, while experiencing a new and different culture and learning to understand, speak, read and write English at the same time. Kang, who now attends college, speaks fluent English and Korean and is learning Chinese as well.

Mr. Suk Lee presents a Certificate of Appreciation to college student, Woo Sung Kang.



Ms. Lo and Dr. Vargas with Group II Chinese Essay Contest Winners



Before the presentation of awards for the Eighteenth Annual Chinese Painting Contest, whose theme was "Celebrate the Learning of the Chinese Culture", guests viewed a slide show presentation of the winning artwork. Students were thrilled to see their work beautifully displayed for all to appreciate! In this contest, awards were given to four categories of students, those in grades K through 2 (Group I), 3 through 5 (Group II), 6 through 8 (Group III), and 9 through 12 (Group IV).

Ms. Mulkay and Ms. Lo with Group II Chinese Painting Contest Winners



The awards for the Chinese and Korean Essay Contests and the Chinese Painting Contest were presented by esteemed presenters, including:

- ♦ Dr. LaRuth Gray- *Scholars in Residence of NYU Metropolitan Center for Urban Education;*
- ♦ Ms. Robin Harvey- *Coordinator of the NYU Project for Developing Chinese Language Teachers;*
- ♦ Mr. Suk Lee- *Director of the Korean Education Center/Korean Consulate General of NY;*
- ♦ Ms. Nellie Mulkay- *Director of the NYS Spanish Bilingual/ESL Technical Assistance Center;*
- ♦ Dr. Juan Vargas- *NYSED Office of Bilingual Education and Foreign Language Studies;* and
- ♦ Ms. Nancy Villarreal de Adler- *Executive Director of the NYS Association of Bilingual Education.*



(from left to right) Dr. Gray, Ms. Harvey and Ms. Villarreal de Adler present awards to winners of the Chinese Painting Contest.

A highlight of the program was the slide show presentation, *Celebrating Language and Cultural Learning*, by ALBETAC Director, Pat Lo. The message imparted by the presentation is that we are of many different cultures living side by side in the neighborhoods of New York, sharing our ways and our cultures as we learn about, and from, one another.

The event culminated in the opportunity for guests to participate in hands-on cultural experiences in the arts. Four cultural learning stations were set up and staffed by experts.

- ♦ Paper Cutting Workshop - Amy Chau
- ♦ Mask Making Workshop - Guoqing Zhang Heaton
- ♦ Korean Drum Workshop - JiHwan Choi, Yoo Sook Park and Soojin Kim Choi
- ♦ Chinese Brush Painting/Calligraphy Demonstration - Winnie Tsai

Guests rotated through the four stations, spending 15 to 20 minutes at each station. Parents, teachers and students enthusiastically participated in the activities at each station. The positive response was overwhelming!



Congratulations to all of our winners and many thanks to the parents, families and teachers who encouraged and supported them in this endeavor.

Click on the links below to view the winners of the 2011 Chinese Painting and Chinese and Korean Essay Contests.

- ♦ [2011 Chinese Painting Contest Winners](#)
- ♦ [2011 Chinese Essay Contest Winners](#)
- ♦ [2011 Korean Essay Contest Winners](#)

Click on the link below to view pictures from the 2011 ALBETAC Contest Awards Ceremony

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