



# NSLI-Y Interactive Virtual Event

**“Transportation and Commuting through Seoul”**

## About the Virtual Event:

Have you wondered what it would be like to study abroad and be fully immersed in another language and culture? Perhaps the Korean language and culture have a special appeal for you? Join NSLI-Y Interactive on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016** and hear directly from students currently studying on the National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) program in Korea. These students will provide a window into the study abroad and language immersion experience for you or your students as they share their experiences and insights through their multimedia.

Learn about everyday life in Seoul and Korean culture as the students discuss the various forms of transportation in Seoul and their commuting experiences. Through their photos and videos, the students will explore the experiences of walking through Seoul, traveling by subway and traveling by bus. They will share stories and observations about the people they meet, the relationships they make, the customs they observe and how they represent Korean culture and traditions. The audience will have a chance to ask the students and alumni questions at the end. See below for more details and how to participate.

The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and provides merit-based scholarships for eligible high school students and recent high school graduates to learn less commonly taught languages in summer and academic-year overseas immersion programs. Find out more at [www.nsliforyouth.org](http://www.nsliforyouth.org).

**January 19, 2016  
@ 7:00 pm EST**



## How to Participate



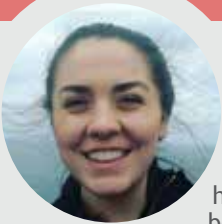
- If you are interested and able to commit to joining the virtual event, please register at the following link by **January 14, 2016**:  
<http://nsliy-interactive.org/virtual-events/>
- Registered participants will receive the link and instructions for the virtual event several days prior to the event.

# NSLI-Y

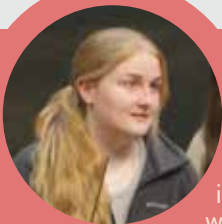
## Student Speakers:



**Arielle** is from Tuscaloosa, AL. She enjoys playing the violin, music and good books. She says her time in Korea has been some of the best months of her life. "This program, albeit a tough one, has been a blast. The friendships I've made are already invaluable, and I'm not even halfway through the program. There are many reasons why I decided to apply for this program, but the most important is because I love seeing the world. Experiencing different cultures energizes me, and I love trying new things!"



**Lauren** comes from Central VA and applied to NSLI-Y due to her love for the Korean language and culture and desire to immerse herself in the language, which she self studied throughout high school. The hardest part for her so far has been when she needs to express herself clearly, yet the language barrier hinders her from doing so. These moments have taught her patience and understanding, two skills that will hopefully someday aid her in her dream job of becoming a U.S. Foreign Service Officer.



**Sarah** hails from a small town in Central MA. A 2013 Summer alumna, she fell in love with Korea during those six weeks and is integrating it into her plans for the future. After this year, she will attend the University of Pennsylvania's Huntsman Program in International Studies and Business (with Korean as her target language). While in Korea, "I have had countless fantastic experiences, drastically improved my language skills, and managed to get hopelessly lost only once," shares Sarah.



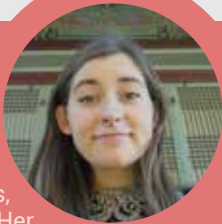
**Alexi** 18, is from Hanover, NH and plans to attend Brown University. She is half-Korean, but did not grow up learning Korean. A linguistics course at Dartmouth College encouraged her interest in her Korean roots. She has thoroughly enjoyed her experience and hopes to return to Korea during university. Alexi likes to spend time with her host family and explore traditional markets and street foods (tteokbokki is one of her favorites).



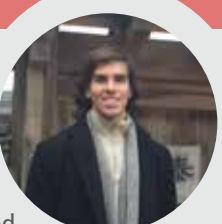
**Donntice (Teechie)** hails from Nevada. She says living in South Korea has been the best experience of her life so far. She applied to the NSLI-Y program to further her understanding of the Korean language and culture, and she has been able to learn the language much better than she relates that she could have done in America. In college, she plans to major in either International Business or East Asian studies. For these reasons, her time in Korea has been and continues to be a wonderful experience.



**William (Will)** from Texas applied to NSLI-Y Korea in order to diversify his understanding of East Asia and begin studying a language that "seemed cool". With plans to study political science and economics with a focus on East Asia, he thought NSLI-Y Korea would provide an opportunity to understand Korean culture from the perspective of a high school student and study a language not offered at his school. Recently he has been playing Korean chess with his classmates and trying his hand at creative writing.



**Kathleen (Katie)** is 19 and from Eastern KY. Since a child, she dreamed of traveling abroad and is now experiencing it for the first time. Katie's hobbies include getting lost and taking taxis, practicing her Korean with said taxi drivers, and making her host brother grilled cheese. Her favorite part about her gap year (so far) is her host mother's cooking and the Korean games her classmates have taught her. Next fall, Katie plans on attending the University of Kentucky and majoring in International Economics.



**Jonathan (Luc)** From Northern VA, loves learning languages and through the NSLI-Y program, hopes to jumpstart a future of life-long Korean learning and experience a culture very different from his. He says, "The food is also amazing! One of the most enjoyable things about studying abroad is the people you meet. Whenever I tell someone I'm learning their language they're so enthused." In the future, he would like to pursue a career in finance, working for a company that has ties to both the United States and Korea.



**Jaylen** says 안녕하세요! Hailing from Snellville, GA, Jaylen is 18 years old (19 in Korea). He really loves Korean culture and thinks the language is beautiful. He first heard about NSLI-Y his freshman year in high school and knew he had to apply. "I just enjoy learning about someone else's culture. Korea, so far, has taught me so much about myself," says Jaylen.