



I was fortunate to be a two-time recipient of a KASF scholarship. The scholarship gave me something invaluable: the freedom to take more risks, embrace college for what it had to offer, and ease the burden on my parents. Having breathing room shaped the kind of person I became.

Now, my partner, Steven, and I are incredibly grateful to be in a position where we can give back. We strongly believe in the power of education, not only as a path to opportunity but also a space for personal growth. In our experience, college and higher education aren't just about academics; they're about navigating unfamiliar environments, widening your perspectives, and learning about yourself. If this scholarship can help students feel a little freer to explore, learn, or dream bigger, we would be honored.

The Dr. Misook Park Chair Scholarship is named in memory of my mother, who courageously pursued a PhD at the age of 45, after a long break from work with the loving support of my father, Dr. Il Hyun Park, and her community. She went on to have a great career at the F.D.A. as a biostatistician and team lead. It is a reminder that it's never too late to go after your dream and that we don't do it alone.

We are proud to support KASF and hope this scholarship helps others grow, thrive, and chart their own meaningful paths.