ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR ADJUNCT FACULTY

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JIYHE KIM, M.A. teaches Korean language and culture to students of various ages, serving as a senior adjunct instructor of Korean in the World Languages and Literatures Department in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and as a principal of Korean School for the Korean community in Vancouver, Washington. She also works for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), where she serves as a Korean Bias & Sensitivity Core Item Reviewer for their Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) program.

Kim's teaching goal is to empower her students with the skills and knowledge they need to communicate effectively in Korean, appreciate Korean culture, and become global citizens. Her effort and dedication to promoting Korean language education and cultural exchange are not limited to her professional work but also extend to her community involvement and activism. By sharing her experience and knowledge and acting as a bridge between older and younger generations, she gives back to her community and others. In accepting the Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award for Instruction as a Korean language teacher, Kim humbly credits her success to all her students. She believes that the success and happiness of her students in learning Korean language and culture is the most significant measure of her achievements as a teacher. Kim is very proud of the progress her students whether is little or big, and grateful for them have made in learning the language and for their enthusiasm in embracing Korean culture.

Kim wishes to express her gratitude to the Korean language faculty members at Portland State University, who have been a source of inspiration and support as she dedicates this award to them. Additionally, Kim would like to extend her appreciation to the Dean, Department Chair, and office staff in the World Languages and Literatures Department and The Portland State University Faculty Association (PSUFA) for creating a conducive and enjoyable teaching environment that has made her years of teaching truly fulfilling.

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