



Eugene is on the other side. Just Eugene.

Special events in our family's life

- Hae-In starts his college applications
- Eugene's love of singing grows
- Yennie excels all
- Micah and Caleb are bookworms
- Dad and Mom are not getting younger (gasp)

Happy holidays from our family to yours!

Greetings everyone! In this winter season, we hope that you are with your beloved ones. This past year held many events for us, including singing duets, *Charlotte's Web*, and many trips to

aquariums and museums; not to mention the weddings. Before Hae-In goes off to college, we are trying to spend time as much time together as we can. We'd like to share our year with you. Sit back and enjoy!

Caleb, Micah, and Yennie

Both Micah and Caleb have grown tremendously over the past year. Micah read 20,000 *Leagues under the Sea*, though he refuses to read *Charlotte's Web* for some reason... Caleb is pushing far ahead of his level in math, and recently learned about fractions. Micah still plays the cello and still whines a bit when it comes to practicing (Caleb has, yet, not chosen an instrument).

Micah's obsession with animals has spread from just fish to dinosaurs. And viruses. This year, we've been to Baltimore Aquarium, Georgia Aquarium, and every natural history museum we could find.

Caleb loves to imitate everyone else, and has managed to make up his own 'Korean.' He has also ridden his first roller coaster (Micah was too scared to try).

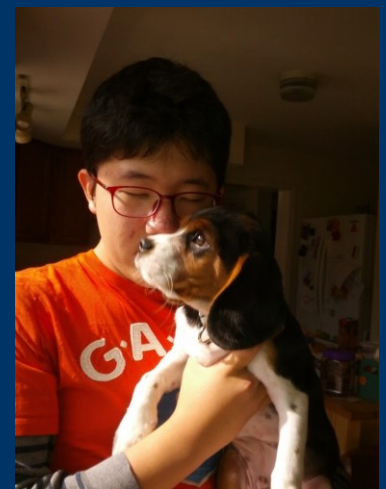
Micah loves writing letters, and has multiple pen-pals. Every day, he asks, "Did I

get a letter today?" Whenever he hears that someone is sick, he says, "Oh, I have to write a letter for them!"

Yennie has also changed a lot. She has recently attended her first Model United Nations conference, where she received an honorable mention for Best Delegate. She also excels in her career as a pianist, winning much praise from her teacher (such as "Music is oozing out of her.") Yennie has joined an Algebra group class, and enjoys getting a good grade. My only (personal) complaint is that her hair has grown out quite a bit, and it gets nearly everywhere - I'm still trying to get her to cut it. Hopefully next year.

Eugene Seong is a self-proclaimed movie-maker-author-philosopher-artist. He is still alive after 15 shocking years in the Seong family.

"Did I get a letter today?" "I will miss my annoying family."



Enough, human! Now go make me a sandwich. No tomatoes.



A foolproof disguise; I am totally unrecognizable.

Eugene, Hae-In, and Lex

Since Hae-In is now a senior, he is very busy with his college applications. It seems rather tedious to write essays over and over again until they are just right, seeing whether one word is better than another, and fulfilling the word limit. But personally, I think that he's doing rather well.

But Hae-In is not always cooped up inside the house writing essays. He currently has a job teaching Latin. He also has devotedly continued to practice Kendo twice a week. He has gained one *Dan* in just four years! Until recently, he had been working as an intern at the District Attorney's office in Philadelphia. He would buy his own train tickets, then ride the Septa to Philadelphia! Also, Hae-In has faithfully saved each Saturday morning to tutor other high-schoolers. Other than those listed above, Hae-In has gone to Washington D.C. for a scholarship, debated about world problems, I think.

Eugene is now 15 years old and a sophomore in high-school. He is considerably busier. But, he still has time for a few activities. In Kendo, I am proud to say that he has risen to the rank of 1 kyu. He is also volunteering as a chart messenger in the Abington Hospital each Tuesday. There he experiences what hospital life (aka paperwork!) is like. Eugene has a strong desire to be a cardiac surgeon. Yet another stop motion film was created this year on the topic of mitosis. He likes his voice lessons over violin lessons. He recently started practicing "romantic songs" with his voice class mate Leah. Awkward!

Lex is now a 1-year-old and very spoiled. He doesn't even want to go out on a rainy day. We simply adore him!

Yennie, Kendo-ka

Stuff, stuff, and stuffing

This was a high-mileage year. We were invited to two weddings and one marriage proposal this summer, which gave us all a good reason to travel to Connecticut and Georgia. Plus, we got to see our grandparents for the first time in over five years. Mom's friend from Korea also came to visit for about a week. We showed them around our usual haunts in Princeton and Philadelphia, plus a few landmarks in NY and DC. What with those and summer activities, we're glad to still have our car in working order.

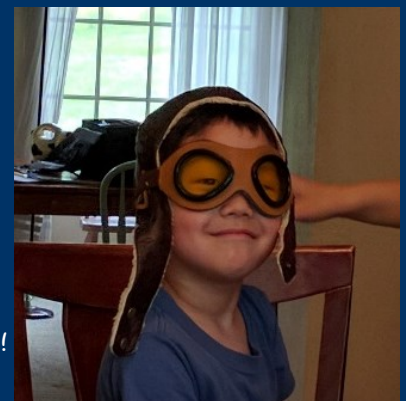
So, we've slowed down a bit lately ('slow' being a relative term here). We try getting back into the habit of working out every morning, sleeping at reasonable times at night, and doing a family Bible study every evening. Right now, we're working through the Old Testament saints and figuring out how their motivations fueled their actions.

"Can I have Hae-In's toys when he goes to college?"
"We need to do [insert activity] before Hae-In goes to college."
"You need to learn how to cook to survive in college." This is the gist of a lot of conversation lately. I will miss my annoying family.

Hae-In Seong, nitpicky lawyer and senior, who is probably less angry than he should be at this age



Nobody's watching.



Mission complete!