

成 THE SEONG ANNALS 성



We totally meant to look like tourists!

Special events in our family's life

- Hae-In is a sophomore
- Eugene is almost there
- Yennie is practically a mom
- Micah and Caleb are now plant lovers

Merry Christmas from our family to yours! So many blessing to count...

Greetings everyone! Sometimes, it feels like all the time has gone by in a flash. However, when I look back, so many things have happened this year. My family and I would like to take a little time to share how we're doing, and what we've been up to.

Even though the year seems to have been full of change, our family has managed to stick to a few points of consistency. We still practice kendo - in fact, we now have classes three times a week, or roughly 6 hours. I just got my black belt, and Yennie is close behind. Micah, too, has been improving greatly.

Meanwhile, we've all continued to hone our musical talents. Yennie has participated in many competitions (both on the regional and national levels) and events with her incredible piano playing,

which we're all proud of. I landed the main role in a high school opera, and Micah and Caleb are still continuing their cello and violin classes.

Yennie and I continue to study Model UN, and I'd say we've improved quite a bit. Yennie can't wait for when she'll be able to attend her first university-hosted conference!

Micah and Caleb are now obsessed with plants, and spend their spare time reciting Latin names. Personally, I hope it doesn't become a thing, but I don't really have any say in the matter.

~Eugene



Knowledge is power

The Hae-In Column (aka the Boring Brief)

This was definitely one of the longer years I've had lately. After spending three weeks with my family in May, I proceeded to spend the entire summer working with the University event planning board, which took up more of my summer than I expected. With the dining halls closed, it was quite the challenge to work out food and groceries. I may have come up short as far as self-maintenance goes. At any rate, I was glad to see my family six months later for Thanksgiving.

Now that I'm a sophomore, I'm still getting used to my new housing. On the downside, it is fifteen minutes' walk away from class (which is a pain in the winter). On the other hand, it is a nice secluded single and all my friends have coincidentally moved in practically next door. I only wish they weren't all majoring in economics while I'm left hanging out in the physics department.

In other news, I've taken up a job as a math course assistant, which means I am practically taking four STEM-based courses this semester. I haven't had much time to do anything else, apart from a couple outings with my theatre group.

~Hae-In



BFF



Parakeet trainers





Yennie at Niagara Falls

Waterfalls, poutine, and square dancing, oh my!

Touring, eating, sleeping in, eating more, shopping... you get the idea. In late spring, the Seong family finally went on vacation. But this was not like any of our other vacations. Instead of going to North Carolina or Maine or Florida, we went right out of the States and into the country of maple syrup, ice hockey, and poutine. That's right, Canada!!! This was Micah and Caleb's first time in a foreign country. We visited many landmarks and museums during our stay in Toronto. Boba tea in hand, we viewed the picturesque Lake Erie, the Ontario Science Centre, the surprisingly small Niagara Falls, and the many random little tourist attractions of Toronto. Of course, we sampled the Canadian staple food, poutine along with not-so-Canadian chicken feet, tripe, and boba tea. Finally having exhausted our energy, entertainment, and allotted time we began the 8 hour drive back home.

Last May, a while before the trip to Canada, we went on another little trip this time within the state. For the 3rd year in a row, we traveled to the Richmans' Farm for a get-together with other AP Homeschooler students. After the scramble to claim sleeping spots, the rest of the day was left to socialize and help prep chairs and tables for dinner. The next days were filled with all kinds of entertainment: mass meals, volleyball, a maze, a hike, ect. Finally, the highlight of the weekend arrived. The graduation ceremony, prize distribution, dinner, and dance. Everyone, even Hae-In the alumni, enjoyed the events (especially the dinner and dance, though most won't admit it ☺)

Yennie (aka Snoopy)

It's not easy being green

We have 4 plants in our house now. One Dracaena (Dracaena), a Sansevieria (Sansevieria), a Moth orchid (Phalaenopsis), and an Amaryllis (Hippeastrum). I water most when the soil gets dry. Without them our house would be booooring. They are rather nice to look at. The plants have made me 10x smarter in botany then before.

Botany is my favorite subject, but who knows what I'll be interested in tomorrow. I love biology, zoology, and lots of other things.

~Micah



Don't ever grow up, guys

"I may have come up short as far as self maintenance goes..."



Dancing through life



Blub blub blub...



I'd like to propose a.... toast

Caleb writes about animals

Lex is now three years old. That means in dog years he is much older than I! Micah got his own fish tank for his birthday. We have three cherry barbs, a gourami, a bristlenose catfish, a loach, and a snail. The cherry barbs are kind of slow swimmers, but they're colorful. The gourami is very curious because if you go to the other side of the tank, then it might follow you. When we first got the snail, we ended up watching it for 45 minutes! The loach sometimes wiggles along the side of the tank, and also sometimes it just hides in this fish barrel toy that we keep. I want to have a dog for Christmas - I'll let you know when I get it. Merry Christmas!

Caleb