

# VIEWS & VISIONS

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## NEW AUDITORIUM DEDICATED



**W**ith exclamations from students, faculty, and parents such as "wow" or "oh" and an occasional "ahh" and statements like, "This doesn't look like the old TCIS," the new auditorium and middle school building was officially opened to the students and faculty on Thursday, May 14th and to the general public on Friday, May 15th! At the public opening and dedication, a traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony was performed before an audience of the entire student body, faculty, parents, and distinguished guests. Invited guests included the Mayor of Taejon, Sun Kee Hong, Superintendent of Taejon Board of Education, Dr. Seong Pyo Hong, President of Hannam University, Dr. Seyeul Kim, contractor, Soon Hyung Lee, and architect, Jae Bum Kim. As part of the dedication ceremonies, students from the seventeen different nations that represent TCIS carried miniature flags of their countries and placed them around a beautifully decorated cake. A new set of four ceremonial flags was carried in by students dressed in traditional hanboks. In true TCIS tradition, the dust was not permitted to settle on the new facilities. Within two weeks of its opening, the auditorium was the site of numerous assemblies, plays, and concerts. The baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies were also held there. We thank God for providing such a beautiful and functional building. The photographs on this page and on page 4 will give readers a brief glimpse of the building and the dedication festivities.



**Above:** JAN AHLERS PLACES THE GERMAN FLAG IN THE CEREMONIAL CAKE DURING THE BUILDING DEDICATION  
**Upper Left:** NEWLY COMPLETED AUDITORIUM AND MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**Middle Left:** NEW TCIS SIGN OUTSIDE THE AUDITORIUM  
**Bottom Left:** V.I.P. RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

# NORMA & LEE NICHOLS

## Complete 16 Years of Service in Korea



**NICHOLS' FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH**  
(L to R - Back Row): DONIE, TED, LEE, Jr., ROBIN, LYNN  
(L to R - Front Row): NORMA, LEE

**I**n the spring of 1998, Norma and Lee Nichols completed sixteen years of dedicated Christian missionary service in Korea with the Korean Baptist Mission. During that time Norma and Lee both taught at KCA/TCIS and Lee served twice on the board of trustees. All three of their children graduated from KCA. Lee had been pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Burton, Ohio and Norma had been a director of Christian education when they heard God's call to serve as missionaries in Korea. In 1967, they came to Korea with two young children, Lee, Jr. (2 years old) and Ted (a few months old). After two years of language study and an assignment in Kwangju, they were transferred in 1971 to Taejon. During that time Lee worked as a church planter and with Home Mission Board while Norma taught at KCA until 1988. At KCA, Norma taught biology, chemistry, physics, general science, 7th & 8th grade mathematics, psychology, history, and her first love, religious studies or Bible. In addition, Norma was very active in co-curriculars including drama sponsor and snack-bar/pep club sponsor. Lee taught Bible and was active in the boy scout program. As mentioned earlier, Norma and Lee raised three children. Lee, Jr. (KCA 1983 graduate) is single and is a ground crewman at Chicago's O'Hare Airport. Ted (KCA 1985 graduate) lives in North Augusta, South Carolina with his wife, Donie, and their two-year old daughter. Ted is working on his Ph.D. in theoretical physics. Lynn (Nichols) Murphy (KCA 1986 graduate) lives in North Little Rock, Arkansas with her husband, Robin, and their one-year old daughter. Lynn is working as an accountant specialist. When the Nichols were asked to recall their fondest memories of Korea, they included their love for the Korean people and the privilege they had of serving in Korea during its nation-wide revival and church growth. When asked the same question about KCA/TCIS, they included working with students inside and outside the class-

room, working on student drama programs, and supporting students in athletics. Norma was particularly proud of being the sponsor of the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" and of being Dr. John Linton's biology teacher. When asked about TCIS's future, they saw a very bright one with a continuing ministry of Christian education in Korea. Norma and Lee's ministry plans were uncertain at the time of publication of this newsletter. They would love to hear from you at the address given below.

*"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS"*

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### STUDENT AWARDS '97-'98

Valedictorian - **SUSAN KIM**  
Salutatorian - **GRACE KIM**  
Leadership (H.S.) - **GRACE KIM**  
Academic Award (H.S.) - **SUSAN KIM**  
Academic Award (M.S.) - **JEE YEON CHA**  
Citizenship (H.S.) - **BOMMY LEE**  
Citizenship (M.S.) - **LAURENCE LEE**  
Citizenship (Kindergarten) - **YONG KI CHUNG**  
Citizenship (1st) - **CHUN HAN & MIKA FUKUSHI**  
Citizenship (2nd) - **JANE KIM & EDDIE ZANDEE VAN RILLAND**  
Citizenship (3rd) - **JANE CHUNG**  
Citizenship (4th) - **SANG MIN LEE**  
Citizenship (5th) - **LINDA CHANG**  
Perfect Attendance (6 years-Elem.) - **SHI HO WANG**  
Drama Award (H.S.) - **JONATHAN CONRAD**  
Journalism Award (H.S.) - **BOMMY LEE**  
Sportsmanship (Boy) (H.S.) - **JONATHAN CONRAD**  
Sportsmanship (Girl) (H.S.) - **LESLEY PENLAND**  
KAIAC Scholar/Athlete (Boy) (H.S.) - **PAUL KIM**  
KAIAC Scholar/Athlete (Girl) (H.S.) - **LESLEY PENLAND**

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# CLASS OF 1998

## -First Half-Million Dollar Grants/Scholarship Class

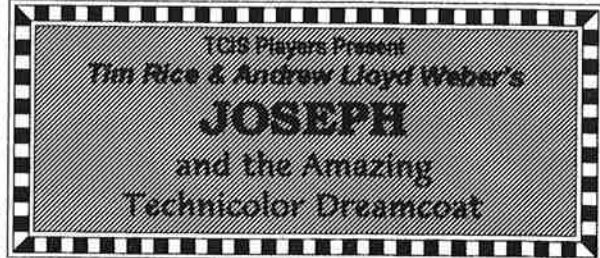


**CLASS OF 1998**  
 (L to R - Kneeling): GRACE KIM, NICOLE NGO MANDENG, JONATHAN CONRAD, ESTHER NAM  
 (L to R - Seated): CHANSON PAK, SUMMER CHO, BOMMY LEE, SUSAN KIM, YOUNG JIN (not pictured)

**T**he class of 1998 was an exemplary group of students. The class was small in size with only nine graduates, yet it is very international, boasting students from the four different nations of United States, Canada, Cameroon, and the Republic of Korea. The class is multi-lingual with most students being bi-lingual and several fluent in three languages. The class of 1998 was one of our most academically distinguished classes in the history of TCIS/KCA. On the Scholastic Aptitude Test (S.A.T.), the exam most commonly used for entrance to U.S. colleges and universities, the class' mean score of 1272 was almost 300 points higher than the U.S. national average. Though only nine graduates, they have been invited to join other scholars at twenty-two universities in North America and Europe including, University of Waterloo (Canada), MacMaster University (Canada), Queens University (Canada), Carleton University (Canada), Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Smith College, Williams College, Wellesley College, Tufts University, American University, New York University (New York City), University of Washington (Seattle), University of Illinois (Champaign/Urbana), Duke University, Johns Hopkins University, Pennsylvania State University, Rutgers State University, University of Troyes (France), University of Bordeaux (France), Dallas Baptist University, and Ouachita Baptist University. The class has won annual scholarships totalling over \$138,500. This amount calculated over four years would be valued at over \$500,000, making this the first half-million dollar graduating class at TCIS! God has richly blessed the class of 1998 with many gifts and talents and we congratulate them and their families. We pray that they will continue to use their gifts to bring glory to God and to be the instruments to help others.

### CLASS OF 1998 SCHOOL SELECTIONS

- SUSAN KIM-Valedictorian - Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- GRACE KIM-Salutatorian - Williams College
- SUMMER CHO - Ewha Women's University (Seoul)
- JONATHAN CONRAD - Dallas Baptist University
- YOUNG JIN - R.O.K. military with future college plans
- BOMMY LEE - Carleton University (Canada)
- ESTHER NAM - Pennsylvania State University
- NICOLE NGO MANDENG - Columbia International University
- CHANSON PAK - American University



**CAST OF JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICALOR DREAMCOAT**  
 JONATHAN CONRAD, CENTER, STARRED AS "JOSEPH"

This delightfully humorous and thoroughly entertaining musical interpretation of the story of the biblical patriarch, Joseph, was presented this spring by a cast of thirty TCIS students and teachers. In addition to the actors, a fifteen member band under the capable direction of Mrs. Vivian Conrad provided the music and

*"Jonathan Conrad was fabulous... His attention to detail and overall view of the show was remarkable."*

accompaniment to some wonderful vocal performances of Tim Rice's and Andrew Lloyd Weber's musical score and lyrics. Under the superb direction of Pat Reed and invaluable support of Beth Salyers, Anita Skelton, Jessie Settle, Sonia Welsh, and Seung-Hwa Park, a large cast composed of high school and middle school students and adults gave an unforgettable performance. Other notable performances were given by David Skelton, as pharaoh, Jenni Bahng, as Asher, Candice Bland, as Zebulum, and, of course, the narrators, Susan Kim, Grace Kim, and Soo Jung Cho. Adult actors, John Conrad, Jeff Penn, Leanne Wiens, Pat Reed, and Jessie Settle provided excellent support to the student actors.

# Creating Excellence—While Celebrating our Diversity



1997-1998 TCIS STUDENT BODY, FACULTY, & STAFF



NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSROOMS



NEW 250+ SEAT AUDITORIUM



FLAG CEREMONY AT THE NEW BUILDING DEDICATION