

Korean American History: Short Timeline of Events

May 22, 1882	U.S.-Korea sign the Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation.
September 1886	Philip Jaisohn enters Harry Hillman Academy.
May 15, 1900	Esther Kim Park graduates from Baltimore Women's Medical College, making her the first woman medical doctor.
June 30, 1901	The U.S. Census reports five Koreans arrive in Hawaii.
October 14, 1902	Ahn Chang Ho arrives in San Francisco.
January 13, 1903	Arrival of the 102 Koreans in Honolulu, Hawaii. The day is noted as the official start of Korean immigration to the U.S.
November 29, 1904	Syngman Rhee arrives in Honolulu aboard the Siberia.
1904/1905-1918	Pachappa Camp: The First Koreatown in the United States.
1905	The <i>Gongnip Hyophoe</i> (Cooperative Association) is established.
February 15, 1906	Koreans across America rally in opposition to Japan's protectorate in Korea.
March 23, 1908	Jang In-hwan assassinates Durham White Stevens.
February 1, 1909	The Korean National Association.
November 1911	Third Korean National Association of North America Convention.
June 25, 1913	The Hemet Valley Incident.
1918	Women are allowed to become full members of the KNA.
1919	Several Korean women organizations are established.
April 1919	The Korean Provisional Government in Shanghai, China.
March 1, 1919	Peaceful protests, the Mach 1 st <i>Mansei</i> movement.
March 1920	The Willows Korean Aviation School/Corps
May 15, 1924	The Johnson-Reed Immigration Act.
1944	Young Oak Kim leads the Nisei 100 th /442 nd infantry U.S. Army unit.
June 25, 1950	The Korean War.
1952	Walter-McCarren Act.
April 12, 1960	Alfred Song is elected to the city council of Monterrey Park.
October 3, 1965	The Hart-Celler Act of 1965.

November 24, 1977	Kim Myeong-gyun, the first female Korean American attorney.
1979	African Americans boycott Korean owned businesses in Harlem and Queens.
May 26, 1980	Korean American students start a blood donation drive at the Los Angeles Red Cross to send blood to the City of Gwangju, S. Korea.
August 10, 1983	Chol Soo Lee is released.
1986	The Philip Jaisohn Memorial Foundation acquires the Jaisohn House in Media, PA.
April 29, 1992	The Los Angeles Riots.
November 4, 1992	Jay Kim is elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.
March 1, 1993	Washington Coalition for Comfort Women Issues, Inc.
March 31, 1993	Ronald T.Y. Moon, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii.
September 14, 1994	Margaret Cho's sitcom <i>All-American Girl</i> premieres on ABC.
May 1995	SAT II Korean is formalized.
August 11, 2001	Statue of Ahn Chang Ho in Riverside, California is erected.
January 13, 2003	100 th Anniversary of Korean immigration to the U.S.
2005	Korean American Day.
September 2010	The Young Oak Kim Center for Korean American Studies at the University of California, Riverside.
July, 2013	Memorial statue for comfort women is erected in Glendale, Ca.
2015	David Ryu is elected to the Los Angeles City Council.
April 2017	The 25 th anniversary of the 1992 Los Angeles Riots.
2018	Chloe Kim becomes the youngest woman to win an Olympic Gold medal in snowboarding at the Winter Olympic Games.
February 2020	<i>Parasite</i> wins Oscars for Best Picture, Directing, International Feature Film, and Writing.