

## **VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION'S 2016 SONNY MERRYMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**



**YEA IN AHN**  
Fairfax County

The recipient of VAPT's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Sonny Merryman Memorial Scholarship states that she is looking forward to her continuing education as a means of discovering her true passions and personal identity. "My mother", states Yea In Ahn, "always told me that I will not notice details in life if I do not understand them".

Yea In's family immigrated to the United States in 2005 from Korea, leaving behind friends and loved ones. Since then she has adapted well to her new country. While attending high school she was a member of the Math, Science and English Honor Societies. She was a concert master and section leader in the full ensemble symphony orchestra. She participated in softball and basketball and was the manager of her varsity basketball team in 2014-15.

Our recipient was also active in community service, participating in Stop Hunger Now, volunteering in a local rehabilitation center and serving as a tutor through GIVE, an acronym for Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education. Without formal art training, she has developed skills in graphic arts, designing T-shirts and logos and taking on the occasional drawing commission.

Yea In has worked in a trucking business helping translate between Korean and English with lawyers and others involved in legal actions resulting from traffic incidents. She is entering Virginia Tech this fall with a possible emphasis on international studies and with plans for possible study abroad.