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Olivia Livingston will spend two months at the University of Kansas this summer learning her mother’s native tongue, Korean. She is going courtesy of Project Global Officer, a Department of Defense initiative aimed at improving the language skills, regional expertise and intercultural communication skills of future military officers. Cadet Livingston was nominated by Captain Jeff Krohn, the Army ROTC officer in charge at Winthrop.

Project GO focuses exclusively on the languages and countries of the Middle East, Asia, Central Asia and Africa. The University of Kansas is one of 25 institutions around the country that participates in Project GO.

Livingston, a biology major from Columbia, South Carolina, said she knows a little Korean but is eager to learn more through this intensive language program. After graduation, she plans to join the Army Reserves and go to medical school to become an optometrist. “Knowing the Korean language will help me communicate with my patients better,” she said.

Eventually Livingston hopes to travel to South Korea to see where her mother’s family once lived.

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