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GIST College graduate Hyerin Cho receives 2020 Korean Talent Award

- GIST (Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology, President Kiseon Kim) GIST College graduate Hyerin Cho, who received a bachelor's degree in February 2020 and is currently enrolled as a Ph.D. student at Harvard University, won the 2020 Korean Talent Award.
- The Korean Talent Award, hosted by the Ministry of Education and organized by the Korea Science and Creativity Foundation, showcases future stars by discovering outstanding youths who demonstrate talent in various fields. A total of 100 youth talents, including 50 university students and general youths, will be recognized and awarded.
- As an undergraduate student in majoring in physics at GIST College in 2019, Hyerin Cho published a paper as a co-author in Science and participated as the first author of the follow-up paper in 2020. After she graduated from GIST College in February of last year, she was offered admission as a doctoral student to nine prestigious universities abroad, including Harvard, Princeton, and Caltech. In September 2020, she entered Harvard University to study astrophysics for her Ph.D. She currently serves as a peer-reviewer for the journal Nature Astronomy.



- Hyerin Cho said, "I think that the Korean Talent Award is not just an award received by individuals, but it symbolically shows that students studying astrophysics, including myself, are supported by the Ministry of Education. GIST College has provided the best educational environment and numerous valuable opportunities that other universities could not have. And I would like to express my gratitude to GIST Professor Keun-Young Kim as well as the other excellent professors and teachers at GIST who generously supported me during my undergraduate program and gave me a great foundation to pursue my Ph.D."
- The "2020 Korean Talent Awards" held an online awards ceremony on the 30th of last month and started with the application announcement last July, which included interviews with documents. In addition to the Minister of Education's Award, a prize of 2 million won is given to high school students, and 2.5 million won is awarded to college students and young adults.

