



USF's Dr. Blair (second from left) with the Board members and staff of the Korean School Psychology Association

Dr. Kwang-Sun Blair Invited to Present in South Korea



Dr. Blair presenting a seminar at Seoul Dawon School for Children with Developmental Disabilities

Dr. Blair delivered two workshops at the Korean School Psychology Association meeting, a seminar at Seoul Dawon School for children with developmental disabilities, and a colloquium at Kongju National University, during June 7-11 in South Korea. The topics centered around implementation of Positive Behavior Support within a multi-tiered system of supports in schools. The School-Wide Positive Behavior Support model has been a growing interest in recent years among researchers, practitioners, and policy makers in South Korea.

Dr. Blair's pictures are from the workshops, seminar, colloquium, and overnight family time at a traditional village. She also visited Olympic Village where THE torches that toured the globe and illuminated the opening ceremonies for both the 1988 and the 2018 Olympics were within touch of visitors.



Dr. Blair speaking at a colloquium at Kongju National University



Dr. Blair (5th from left) and faculty of the Dept of Special Ed at Kongju National University enjoy a dinner together after the colloquium

While Seoul is a city of 10 million people, several important palaces are preserved for Koreans to get back to their roots. Many weekend tourists rent traditional clothes, called 'hanbok' while they visit the palaces. Pictured on the right is the secret garden in an old dynasty palace in Seoul. The building on the right was used by the King to administer tests where applicants could apply for government positions. Imagine the pressure so many young people endured in their day.

Tourists can stay in an over 200-year-old house turned into a hotel. Sitting on the porch, one imagines how a nobleman must have felt looking out at the forest. Inside, the floors are still heated by 'undol', pipes running underneath to carry the heat from the kitchen stove at the end of the building. But electricity and WIFI have been added, and some of the rooms have been converted into modern bathrooms with water, showers, towels, and wonderful soaps.



Secret garden in an old dynasty palace in Seoul



Korea is very mountainous. This scenic view of a river near Konju National University is typical of what South Korea has to offer



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