

# School of Social Welfare's Dean Honored by Hallym University in South Korea



On November 19, 2007, Katharine Briar-Lawson, Dean of the School of Social Welfare (SSW), received an award from Dr. Choongsoo Kim, President of Hallym University in South Korea. The Dean was recognized for her “dedicated efforts on behalf of the Hallym University’s School of Social Welfare.”

*Katharine Briar-Lawson, Dean of the School of Social Welfare being presented her award by Choongsoo Kim, President of Hallym University, South Korea.*



Since 1998, Hallym University has had a “sister university” relationship with the School. Each year, students and faculty have visited Albany where they attended SSW lectures and visited social service agencies. Collaboration between the two Schools has resulted in improvements to the Korean child welfare system and the creation of community development projects to reduce family poverty.

*Above, Nam Soon Huh, Dean of the Graduate School of Social Work at Hallym University in South Korea and a Ph.D. graduate of the UAlbany School of Social Welfare. She is pictured with the children of the “We Start” program that she developed in South Korea, which is similar to the “Head Start” program in the United States. Huh received the 2007 Excellence in Public Service Award from the University at Albany.*



*While in South Korea, Dean Katharine Briar-Lawson, and Hal Lawson, Professor, School of Social Welfare lectured, met with alumni and did site visits at agencies that our alumni have built such as the We Start Villages. They are pictured above with School of Social Welfare alumni Dr. Nam Soon Huh, Dr. Malsuk Suk, Dr. Shin-Young Lee, and Dr. Hae Sung Kim.*