International Partnership: The Courage to Grow

For two weeks at the end of January, we had the privilege of hosting four early childhood education students from Duksung Women’s University in Seoul, South Korea. Twelve of their fellow students are engaged in similar practicum experiences at either the Carlow University Campus School, the Falk School, or the University Child Development Center, and Professor Byungho (Tony) Lee is observing and reflecting with them about their experiences. In addition to touring Pittsburgh, visiting the participating centers, planning with our educators, and teaching in our classrooms, the students explored the Children’s Museum, visited the Fred Rogers Center (photos include Saint Vincent College President, Br. Norman W. Hipps), learned about our local professional organization - PAEYC, and attended some college classes.

Participating in all of these activities when far from home and working in their second language truly requires these young women to have the courage to grow! Our openness to reflecting on, and learning from, our interactions with these valuable partners also fosters our professional growth.