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**SONG IL SELECTED
FOR GLOBAL
UNDERGRADUATE
EXCHANGE
PROGRAM**

A graduate of Heavenly Dream School (HDS), Song Il, has been selected for the U.S. Department of State's 2025–2026 Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD). Beginning in January, he will study at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay on a full scholarship.

This prestigious program enrolls participants as full-time students at an American university for one semester. They take classes alongside local students and fully immerse themselves in campus life. All expenses (including tuition, airfare, living costs, and health insurance) are fully covered.

With many outstanding university students across Korea applying each year, the program is highly competitive. Selecting only about five finalists through a rigorous screening process, Song Il successfully passed every stage, earning recognition for his exceptional qualifications and potential.



In January 2026, Song Il (19th graduating class of HDS) arrived at UW-Green Bay.

This achievement is the result of years of steady growth.

Song Il began as a first-year middle school student and continued diligently through high school, completing six years of dedicated study.

Though he initially faced academic challenges, his strong desire to learn set him apart. He took teachers' feedback seriously and worked hard to improve. This strengthened both his academic skills and self-discipline, showing clear growth each year.



Senior year graduation album profile photo

HDS designs its education with deep consideration for the unique backgrounds and needs of students from North Korean backgrounds. As a fully accredited school, it provides a structured curriculum alongside specialized English programs, civic education, one-on-one mentoring, and diverse experiential learning opportunities. This helps supports each student's growth with personalized care.

Reading was at the heart of the school’s approach, seen as the best way to grow knowledge and critical thinking quickly. Song Il faithfully participated in daily reading sessions, completing 58 books and writing reflections throughout his time at school. He also took part in semesterly book-report presentations, which steadily developed his reading, writing, and speaking skills. His journey is a prime example of how the school’s educational philosophy can take root in a student’s daily habits.



| 2025 학년도 2학기 | | |
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| 경영정보시스템* | 3 | A+ |
| 진정한승자가되기위한전략* | 3 | A+ |
| 인공지능과금융공학 | 3 | A+ |
| 문학과혁명정신 | 3 | A+ |
| 고급실용문쓰기 | 3 | A+ |
| LEARNING ENGLISH THROUGH SPEAKING* | 3 | A+ |

Song Il presenting at HDS's Book-Report Presentation Contest & Song Il’s grades in the 2025–2026 second semester (junior year) at Yonsei University

This growth continued into university. At Yonsei University (one of the three most prestigious universities in Korea), he majored in Business Administration. Song Il earned straight A’s in every course. He achieved a perfect GPA of 4.3/4.3, once again demonstrating his academic excellence.



Song Il served as student council president and led the student council during his time at school

For over 20 years, HDS has led the education of students from North Korean backgrounds. HDS has earned recognition for its public service and expertise, including ministerial awards. The school's true success is reflected in the growth and transformation of its students, though.

When a student's determination to achieve meets dedicated support and guidance, it produces outcomes like Song Il's. This success goes beyond personal or institutional pride, it stands as a testament to God's work in preparing for a future era of unification.

The school continues to hope that students from North Korean backgrounds will be nurtured and empowered on a foundation of biblical values.



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**“THOSE WHO LEAD
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RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL
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FOREVER.”**

DANIEL 12:3
