## **Experiential Learning Through WorldQuest Trivia**

On April 14th 2017 I, along with six other students, had the opportunity to represent Utah Valley University at the WorldQuest Trivia Competition held by the Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy. There were participants from other universities, colleges, NGOs, and businesses. It was amazing to see so many people from many different countries coming together to compete and enjoy the event. There was one individual who was able to speak six different languages. Many wore traditional clothes from their respective countries of origin.



Utah Valley University team during the competition

This competition is a chance for individuals who have a global perspective to get together and share knowledge and compete. The categories of knowledge for this year included global megacities, women in technology, peace and conflict, the European Union, combating infectious diseases, and current events. I had a lot of fun working with my teammates to answer the questions, celebrating when we got them correct, and groaning when we had the right answer but decided to go with a different answer. I learned a lot about the struggles that face our increasingly global community.

However I feel that events like the WorldQuest Trivia Competition allow individuals to make connections and friends with the other like-minded individuals so that through a combined effort we can work to address the struggles that come as better communication and migration make borders increasingly easier to cross and increasingly easier for cultures and people to come in contact with each other.

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