

Gaining experience about advocacy at UN from Ms. Diallo



Emmanuel with Ms. Diallo after the presentation

Ms. Hawa Diallo originally from Sierra Leone in West Africa, my political science class at UVU which is Comparative Politics was blessed to have her as a guest speaker in class on the 3rd of April, 2018. Ms. Hawa has worked with the United Nations since 1986 when she had her first job in the United Nations as a tour guide for about four to five years. For that long, she was able to acquire experience that later enabled her to travel many different parts of the world and actively participated in the United Nations peacekeeping missions around the world in, for example, Kenya among others. She also worked under Kofi Anan from Ghana who is a former United Nations secretary general before Ban Ki Moon. Currently she is still working

with the United Nations as a Public Information Officer at United Nations, Department of Public Information.

Ms. Hawa grew up in New York, She, at a very young age was a human rights advocate . She began standing up for students out at recess and promoting people's rights. She graduated from college in 1986 the same year she made her first debut at the United Nations as a tour guide.

She was so lucky to have a job fresh after graduating from her high school. This was because her father was into politics back Sierra Leone and had worked a lot with the United Nations thus with the many connections she was able to get a job in the United Nation.

After a long time as a guide she decide to work hard and get to a bigger position in the United Nations which she was successful and thus did humanitarian work in Kenya for 10 years, went to Cambodia and Somalia on peacekeeping missions doing both civilian and humanitarian work.

Ms. Hawa also told class that the United Nations is working hard to have many youths and students involved because the believe students have intelligent ideas and thus encouraged us to apply for jobs in the many departments of choice. To me it was a great experience and I am thankful to UVU for such great opportunities and i am looking forward to more.

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