

Advocating Mountain Targets during UVU Club Rush



Kendra Martell and Kyle Warren during the UVU Club Rush

Utah Valley University (UVU) held its annual fall Club Rush on September 19th, 2018 and it was a great success for Utah International Mountain Forum and the other clubs it holds ties with such as Foreign Affairs and Rotaract. With several thousand students coming and attending Club Rush, UIMF was able to reach out to many of these students about the importance of sustainable mountain development. UVU's Club Rush was a very important activity at the start off the fall semester as it brought students looking to get involved and UIMF was able to assist them in finding important way that they could become helpful on the global scale through engaged learning.

During the two days of Club rush, I personally spent a significant portion of the time becoming more aquatinted with Rotaract, a club that is closely tied with UIMF and Foreign Affairs club here at UVU. Rotaract is a branch of Rotary International which is an international organization focused around serving those in harsh conditions both globally and locally. Many of

the areas the UIMF discusses in connection to sustainable mountain development (SMD) are assisted through this program of Rotary International. The Organization specializes in promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving susceptible populations and supporting education.

UVU's Rotaract has participated in several local and global out reach programs to help those people who need many of the things developed countries find to be common or expected. Visiting Mexico in recent years as well as providing a significant local service in Utah, UVU's Rotaract has helped to serve hundreds of people. During Club Rush, Rotaract President, Kendra Martell and myself spent the time recruiting new members to assist with the agenda for Rotaract for the coming year. Additionally, we gave information of World Polio Week which is approaching in the coming weeks. The Purpose of World Polio Week is to remind people that people are still afflicted with the disease but that it can and will be eradicated if people are willing to help. Rotaract will be participating in local out reach programs to promote World Polio Week in the days to come.

Overall, UVU's Club Rush was very successful and my time there was both enlightening and educational for all those who were able to participate. UIMF is on its way to success and accomplishing big goals as it continues to promote Sustainable Mountain Development and I will admit that I am very excited to be part of them to await the fruits of so many labors.

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