

Participating at Utah Valley University Club Rush

On September 10th and 11th, 2019, the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University (UVU), has participated at the UVU Club Rush. As members of UIMF, we contributed to that important event and introduced UIMF to UVU students.



(R to L): Hazim Alshanbari and AbdulrahmanAlghanmi during the club rush at UVU

Our main mission was to inform other students at UVU campus about our coalition of clubs and its goal to engage students with the implementation United Nations agenda on sustainable mountain development agenda in Utah and North America. We also advocate and stand with women and girls who live in mountain area, experience hardships from nature and lack of access to education, jobs and social services. Club rushes are important for clubs at UVU campus, because they help us to raise funds as well: this is a responsibility of clubs for effective implementation of a student engaged learning (SEL) model. Through SEL students, including UIMF members implement hands-on tasks themselves as a group with teachers helping them as mentors.



(R to L): Victoria Bindrup and Abdulrahman Alghanmi during the Club Rush

Cubs rush also provided us the opportunity to tell the audience about our participation through SEL at the United Nations forums such as the 63rd session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women in March 2019 and the 68th UN Civil Society Conference in August 26-28, 2019 in Salt Lake City. However, there were many students in the audience who were interested to learn more about our coalition of clubs and UIMF mission. That is why, we asked them to write their names and emails in a specially provided sign-up sheets to participate with us in our future events with focus on helping mountain communities.

Overall, it was a great opportunity for us, UIMF members through SEL to interact with other students and faculty and introduce our coalition of clubs to them and learn and coordinate our activities with other clubs at UVU campus as well.

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