

Contributing to the International Mountain Day Observation at UVU

On Monday, December 2nd, 2019, Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University (UVU), has celebrated the 10th annual International Mountain Day (IMD) at UVU.

IMD allows members of UIMF to highlight their achievements in assisting mountain communities during entire year. Samuel Elzinga, UIMF President talked about many initiatives undertaken by students in Utah and at the United Nations and how 13 UVU students went to the United Nation 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63) on March of 2019 to advocate for mountain women and girls and I was among them.

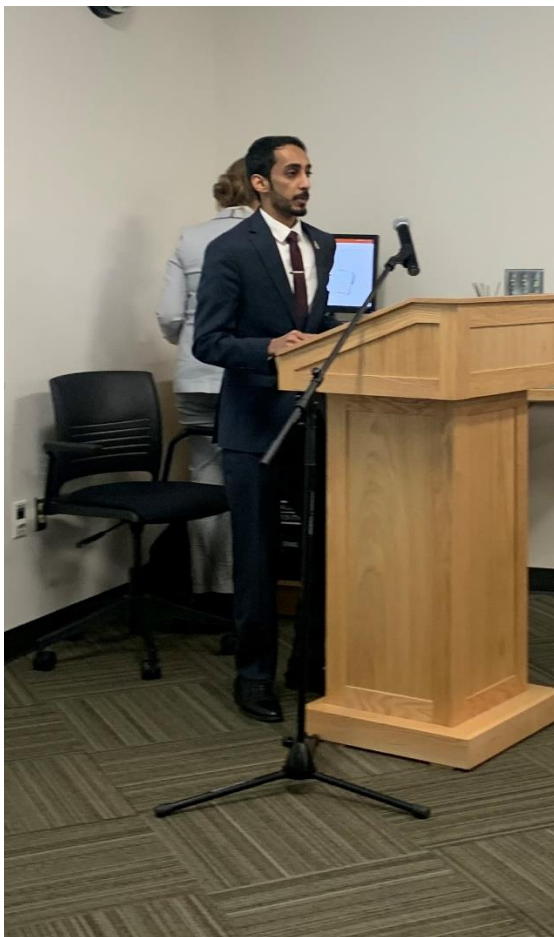


Dr. Baldomero Lago speaks about UVU involvement with UN programs

As one of the speakers, Dr. Baldomero Lago, Vice-Rector for Global Engagement at UVU has shared with us the great work which his office did in promoting 17 United Nations sustainable development goals during 2019 including hosting the 68th UN Civil Society Conference in Salt

Lake City in August 2019. Dr. Lago was one of the key players of the success of the conference. He talked also about new opportunities which UVU will provide students next year through the involvement in different programs and initiatives at UN.

As a member of UIMF, I have been assigned to complete some tasks. I have introduced Michael Hinatsu, Vice-President of UIMF as one of the speakers. I worked with Michael closely during our visit to the 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women last March and respect him very much for being so professional, thoughtful and effective in leading our entire delegation.



(L) Abdulrahman Alghanmi introduces Michael Hinatsu; (R) Michael Hinatsu speaks about UIMF activities at the UN

It was an opportunity for me to gain another experience with protocol and communication which will help me in the future. At the end of this event, Mr. Samuel Elzinga, President of UIMF, presented all contributors to the UN activities including UIMF members certificates from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to encourage and appreciate their great work.



Mr. Samuel Elzinga, President of UIMF present certificate of appreciation to Abdulrahman Alghanmi

10th annual International Mountain Day celebration by UIMF at UVU was another successful example of student engaged learning model which raised awareness about mountain communities.

By Abdulrahman Alghanmi, UIMF member